

Russians Improve Kremenchug Sector

LONDON (CP)—Red Army troops, expanding their Kremenchug bridgehead, continued their offensive and improved their positions today in the direction of the Dnieper bend industrial town of Kirovograd, Moscow announced tonight in a broadcast communique.

Japs Retreating

CHUNGKING (AP)—Japanese forces south of the Lin River, which twists eastward into Tungting Lake and splits the Chinese rice area in half, were retreating under pressure at the rate of 9 1/2 miles a day, Maj.-Gen. C. C. Tseng, Chinese army spokesman, said at a press conference today.

Roosevelt Says Trip Successful

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt, back from war conferences in the Middle East, told reporters this afternoon he thought his trip had been successful in every way from the point of view of the conduct of the war and hopes for the post-war period.

23 Soldiers Drown

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A U.S. army officer announced today that 23 soldiers died today in the capsizing of a military motor launch in Lake Pontchartrain, about 10 miles offshore.

Mrs. Churchill Goes to Husband

LONDON (CP)—Mrs. Winston Churchill has left the country to be with the Prime Minister in the Middle East, "during his illness and convalescence," 10 Downing Street announced tonight.

Score Wage Order

OTTAWA (CP)—The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in a statement issued today, termed the government's new wage control order "a strait-jacket for labor," and said it had been formulated without any consultation of labor.

New Soviet Attack

NEW YORK (AP)—The Berlin radio said late today that the Russians had attacked in the long dormant Leningrad area and succeeded in indenting on some points.

The broadcast insisted that, while somewhat livelier, the actions did not exceed a "local character." It claimed the Soviet attack came against a German wedge and that Soviet gains were later ironed out by Nazi counterattacks.

Check Turkey Prices

OTTAWA (CP)—The Prices Board said today it had taken steps today to prevent purchase by manufacturers and industrial concerns of large numbers of turkeys for raffles and gifts at prices higher than the wholesale price ceiling by which retailers are bound.

Pope to Broadcast

AT THE ITALIAN-SWISS FRONTIER (AP)—Pope Pius will broadcast his traditional Christmas message to the world from the Vatican Dec. 24 at 12.15 p.m. Rome time (4.15 a.m. P.D.T.) over wave lengths 3106 and 1987.

Say Sofia Raided

LONDON (CP)—The Hungarian radio today said Allied planes were raiding Sofia and set the sirens going twice Thursday night in the Bulgarian capital. The broadcast, recorded by Reuters, said that according to first reports no bombs were dropped.

The days now number few,
(Exactly half a dozen)
And you'll be in a stew,
If you don't get busy, now!

ONLY 6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Fighting French Score Successes On Italian Front

By WES GALLAGHER
ALGIERS (AP)—French troops, entering the war on the European mainland for the first time since 1940, have scored outstanding successes against the Germans in mountain fighting in central Italy, it was announced today.

The French have been in forward positions alongside British and U.S. soldiers for some time, but their presence was not disclosed until today's communique from Allied headquarters.

They are the same troops which fought alongside the Allies in Tunisia, but since then have been completely re-equipped with uniforms, guns and materials.

Soon after moving up to the battlefield the French participated in a series of local attacks, capturing several important German hilltop positions and taking a number of prisoners, who expressed surprise at finding French troops in action.

The part of the front where the French are in operation was not disclosed.

New Zealand troops with the 8th Army carried out a successful attack, headquarters said in its daily communique. The New Zealand 2nd Division had been previously announced as fighting in territory inland from the Adriatic to the left of the Canadians on the coast, and the India troops who are on the Canadian left flank.

No Fresh News From Canadians

There was no new word today of progress of the Canadians, who have been fighting yard by yard toward the port of Ortona, which must be taken before the 8th Army can press northward to the more important port of Pescara.

The Germans intensified their efforts to hold off the 8th Army, sending more and more tanks and flame-throwers into the struggle, but the New Zealanders, Indians and Canadians beat off every Nazi attempt to break their hold on the Ortona-Orsogna highway, which was cut in three places by the 8th Army the previous day.

The communique said two determined German counterattacks

Acting Premier Suggested While Churchill Ill

By JUDSON O'QUINN
LONDON (AP)—Improvement in Prime Minister Churchill's general condition has been maintained, a bulletin from his bedside in the Middle East, released at 10 Downing Street, said this afternoon.

"There has been no spread" in the pneumonia, and improvement in the Prime Minister's general condition has been maintained," said the bulletin. It was signed by Lord Moran, Brig. Evan Bedford and Lt.-Col. R. J. V. Pulver-

Mr. Churchill, suffering from his second attack of pneumonia in 10 months, undoubtedly will require a long period of recuperation and consequently it is expected the War Cabinet may name an acting leader to serve in his absence.

URGE LESS WORK

The London press was virtually unanimous in suggesting that on his return he delegate to assistants a great portion of the tasks that have kept him up at most daily until the small hour of the morning.

There seemed general agreement that a long convalescence was in prospect for the stricken leader despite the incredible energy still apparent in his 70th year (he observed his 69th birthday during the Teheran Conference) and the driving force that raised the British Empire from the dark days of 1940 to the dawn of a day of victory.

"Prayers went up throughout the Empire for his quick recovery. The King arranged for a messenger to bring him hourly news."

PICTURE AND PRAYER

The London Daily Sketch today devoted its entire front page to a photograph of Mr. Churchill with the caption: "The man to whom so many owe so much." A few lines telling of his illness, and a quotation from Psalm 86: 14-15:

"But, Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious... give Thy strength unto Thy servant."

Feb. 1 Opening Date Of B.C. Legislature

Third session of the 20th Legislature of British Columbia will open Tuesday, Feb. 1, it was announced today, following a meeting of the cabinet. It will be the third time members have met under a coalition government, and will mark 20 years as a legislator for Premier John Hart.

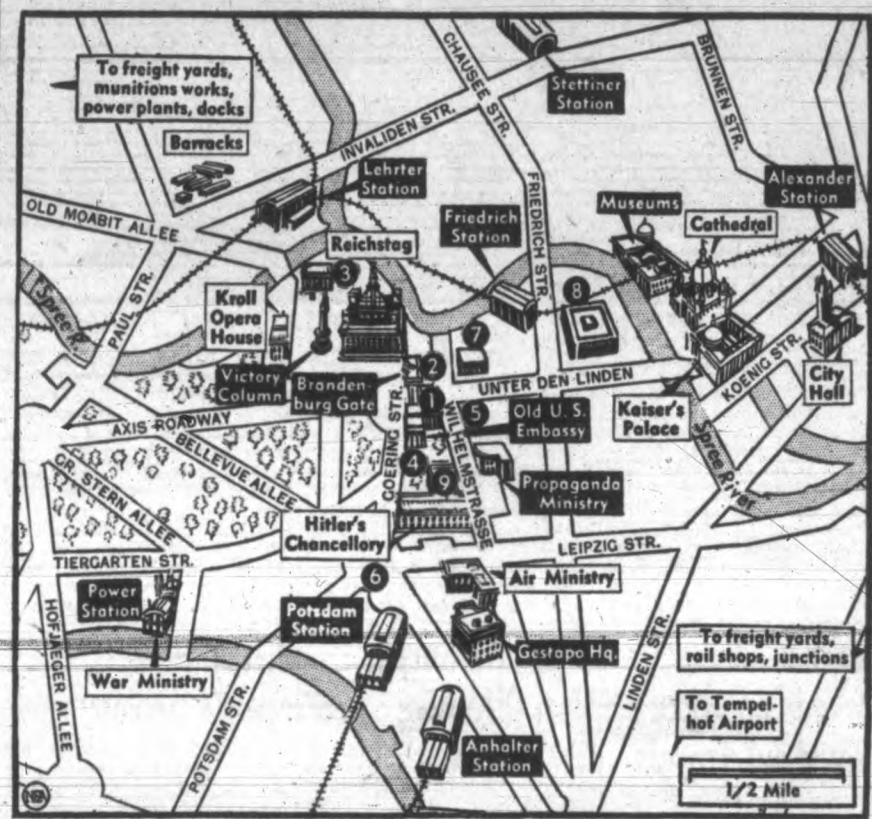
Bumper U.S. Crops

WASHINGTON (AP)—The agriculture department reported today that this year's bumper corn crop in the United States totaled 3,078,159,000 bushels, and wheat crop 836,298,000 bushels.

The corn crop last year was 3,131,518,000 bushels, a record production.

Wilhelmstrasse Hit In Big Berlin Raid

BOMBS BLAST NAZI CAPITAL'S 'NERVE CENTRE,' INDUSTRIAL SUBURBS



- KEY TO BOMBED AREA**
1. British Embassy
 2. French Embassy
 3. Swedish, Danish, Hungarian, Finnish, Portuguese Embassies
 4. Goebbels' Villa
 5. Swedish Newspaper Building
 6. Potsdamer Platz
 7. Armaments Ministry Building
 8. University
 9. German Foreign Office
- Targets in white letters on black definitely hit, but entire area of Wilhelmstrasse, Tiergartenstrasse, Potsdamer Platz reported demolished. Industrial areas shown on small map also given heavy pounding.



Sweden Reports Great Damage; Telephones Cut

LONDON (CP)—A mighty force of British and Canadian heavy bombers attacked Berlin in great strength Thursday night and reports today indicated the world's most-bombed city was left reeling anew under the impact of its sixth shattering blow in a month.

(Sgt. P. Walter Fernyhough, of 422 Boleskine Road, Victoria, was among the Canadians, other dispatches reported.)

The attack was believed as heavy as the last major raid Dec. 2.

The air ministry announced more than 1,500 tons of high explosives and incendiaries were dropped from hundreds of four-engine Lancaster bombers.

Swiss reports said the Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin's Whitehall, was severely hit.

Four R.C.A.F. bombers were among the total of 30 aircraft missing.

Several squadrons of R.C.A.F. bombers from the Canadian group took part in the raid.

Returning Canadian airmen reported a number of engagements with Nazi night fighters and they agreed the enemy capital was given a staggering blow.

Among the Canadian formations were the Thunderbird and Goose squadrons.

Raid Begins Early To Avoid Moonlight

The raid began at an unusually early hour Thursday night to avoid moonlight.

Private information received in Stockholm said big fires were raging in Berlin. Swedish correspondents said, however, that foreign newspapermen in Berlin were forbidden to describe Thursday night's raid.

Stockholm said the information available indicated the German capital again had suffered very heavily, especially in the centre area. Telephone communication between Stockholm and Berlin was irregular. Berlin's transport system was reported paralyzed, with streets blocked by rubble.

The sixth raid on the capital in a month was launched from Britain just after U.S. heavy bombers had returned in twilight from daylight raids on northwest Germany. U.S. headquarters did not specify the target, but the German communique said the fleets were over Heligoland Bay and "dropped a great number of high explosives and incendiary bombs on residential quarters in a number of localities in north-western Germany" and Bremen.

It acknowledged particularly heavy damage to Bremen itself, the big U-boat base which U.S. planes battered Nov. 25 and 29.

The degree of the assault on Berlin and the determination with which it was pressed home left no doubt that the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. intend to finish the job of leveling what remains of the capital city's acres of factories, government buildings, financial institutions and warehouses.

The Swiss radio said the Foreign Office district was struck, and one Berlin broadcast clung to the familiar line that the residential area had been the target.

The German high command, in its broadcast communique, acknowledged only that "considerable damage" had resulted.

Belgian Legation Becomes Embassy

OTTAWA (CP)—The Belgian Legation in Ottawa is being raised to embassy status and Baron Silvercruys, the present minister, will become the first ambassador, Prime Minister King announced today.

It is not the present intention to raise Canada's mission to the Belgian government in London to embassy status, Mr. King said.

Talk of Firemen, Police Of All Canada Joining C.C.L.

MONTREAL (CP)—Alme Laurin, president of the City of Montreal Municipal Employees' Brotherhood, today said in an interview that Canadian Congress of Labor officials plan grouping into a federation all members of police and fire departments in Canada.

(In Ottawa later today, A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, said he knew of "no such plan" when asked to comment on Laurin's statement. Mr. Mosher said he did not know what "officials" Mr. Laurin was referring to when he said C.C.L. officials were planning a Dominion-wide federation of police and firemen.)

For recruiting purposes, Mr. Laurin said, Canada would be divided into two zones, one for western Canada and Ontario, the other for eastern Canada, comprising Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The C.C.L. would first concentrate its efforts on the large urban centres in Quebec, starting with all municipalities on Montreal Island, Quebec, Three Rivers and Hull, Mr. Laurin said. Later, campaigning would spread to the other provinces.

The Quebec Municipal Commission, which controls the affairs of the city of Montreal, Tuesday night recognized, on behalf of the city, the C.C.L. as sole bargaining agent for the city's police force and firemen, bringing to an end a 14-hour strike of policemen, firemen and public works employees.

The C.C.L. had previously been recognized as sole bargaining agent for the public works employees.

Since the resignation Thursday of Honore Parent as representative in Montreal of the Que-

Nazi Confesses 75,000 Russians Murdered

By EDDIE GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—Moscow newspapers today devoted two of their four pages to the Kharkov atrocity trial of German soldiers and a Russian traitor accused of murders.

Principal attention was given to the trial of Capt. William Langheld, 52, of the Gestapo, who was said to have pleaded guilty to killing civilians and Russian prisoners of war.

The Moscow press gave this account of the trial:

Langheld was asked: "Is it established that orders for mass extermination of innocent Soviet people were issued by the German government?"

"Yes," he answered in a firm, clear voice.

The Gestapo captain then related how 10 Red Army officers had been killed in the Kharkov prison "to prevent their escape."

The prosecutor, Col. N. K. Dunaiev, then asked Langheld: "How many Soviet citizens did you kill yourself?"

"It is hard to say exactly, but I think—about 100," Langheld answered.

"How many were killed by the Germans in Kharkov and Kharkov province?"

"I heard about 30,000 and about the same number in Kiev," the German's published testimony said. "About 15,000 were killed in Poltava."

Low Cost Victory Period at End

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military observers here believe that the start of the campaign for Rabaul, together with the costly conquest of Tarawa Island, closes that period of the war in which the Allies have often been able to buy victory at low cost.

From here on, in both Europe and the Pacific, they will have to be prepared to pay an increasing price in blood and tears, say officers whose duty it is to calculate losses for their bearing on strategy.

The day of the strategic flanking attack is past in both Europe and the Pacific, they say. The day of the frontal attack is here.

Nazis Rush Troops Italy to Russia

WITH THE 8TH ARMY IN ITALY (AP)—The Germans have rushed mountain troops from Russia and put them into the battle line to help bolster defenses against heavy pressure by the Anglo-American 5th Army. It was disclosed today.

They were identified as mountain-trained troops which last were heard of near Leningrad, about Nov. 1.

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Future's Flivver?

Forty years ago today, Dec. 17, 1903, on the wind-swept dunes of Kitty Hawk, N.C., man's age-old dream of flight in a heavier-than-air machine came true when Wilbur Wright, prone on the lower wing of what amounted to a motorized kite, took off and flew 532 feet in 59 seconds. Actually it was not the first flight of the Dayton, O., brothers, but it was the longest and proved the practicality of their contraption.

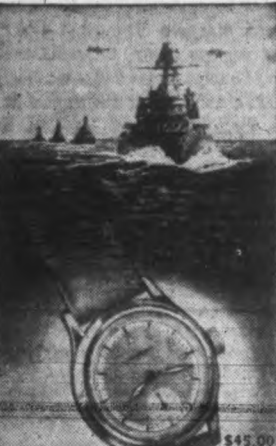
The historic flight is pictured at top, above; with brother Orville watching. Photos below symbolize the development of the airplane in the short span of two-score years—as a mighty factor in winning the war for the United Nations; as a swift carrier of men and materials to the earth's far corners, with the promise of globe-girdling aerial voyages after the war; the naval great flying boat Mars, implicit with promise of regular peacetime trans-Atlantic passenger service; and a preview of the helicopter—hailed by its enthusiasts as the family "flivver" of the future.

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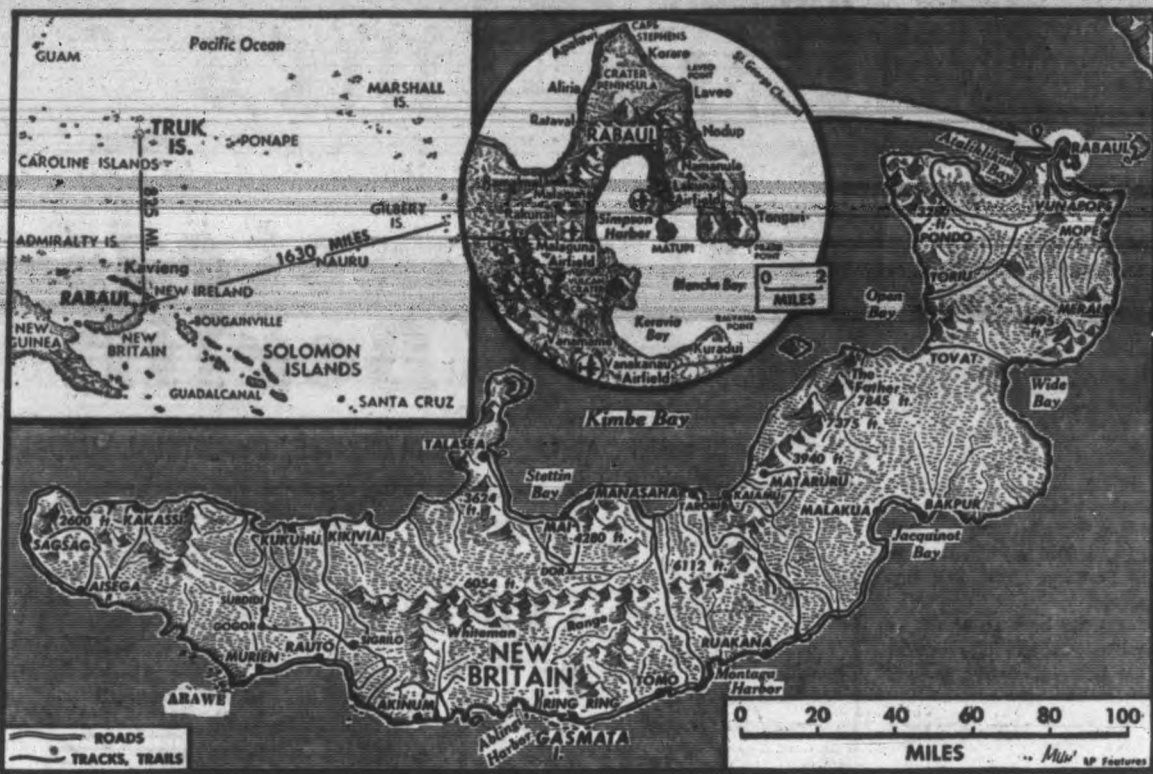
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NEW BRITAIN BATTLE

Map indicates difficulty faced by U.S. 6th Army forces who have established bridgeheads at Arawe, in making their way to Rabaul, great Japanese base some 250 miles to the northeast. Latest dispatches say the Yanks have repelled several Japanese air attacks and are consolidating their position.

Rabaul is situated at the extreme northeast tip of New Britain, a 300-mile long island annexed by Germany as a protectorate in 1884 and taken over by Australia under League of Nations mandate after the First Great War. Rabaul is an excellent deepwater harbor measuring some six miles by four miles, protected by a large airfield.

The Australians never fortified Rabaul because the mandate forbade it. The Japs, however, were building up bases in islands to the north which had been mandated to them under the same terms. When they were ready, they came down on Rabaul and easily took care of its 1,400

soldiers and five old training planes. New Ireland, also an Australian mandate, screens Rabaul from the northeast, lying at right angles to New Britain. Its main defence installation is at Kavieng, in the northwest part.

At the west end of New Britain is Cape Gloucester, an important base which has been bombed several times. Gasmata, a good harbor on the southern coast, also has been heavily bombed. Aside from these and other settled coastal points, there is little on

Churchill, Ailing, Worked Long Hours Throughout Travels

CAIRO (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's illness from pneumonia, which was announced in London, came directly on top of 17 days of almost continuous international conferences in the Middle East, preceded and followed by preparatory and cleanup discussions.

The Prime Minister appeared on the verge of illness when he made his only appearance before newspaper correspondents in an off-the-record press conference Dec. 10, four days after his final meeting with President Roosevelt and President Ismet Inonu of Turkey.

Although in good spirits and optimistic, Mr. Churchill appeared pale. His eyes clearly showed strain. At that conference he talked for 40 minutes. The inevitable cigar was in his hand and his voice was as clear and strong at the end as when he started.

Although the Turkish conference ended officially Dec. 6, this by no means was the end of conference pressure. The next day, he and Foreign Secretary Eden talked again with Inonu. Afterwards, he held a round of discussions apparently on Mid-East affairs.

Prime Minister 69, Works On Birthday

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister King spent his 69th birthday at work in his office today as hundreds of messages of greetings and congratulatory arrived.

It was his first full day at his desk since he left a week ago last Sunday for a personal and business trip to the United States. Following a meeting of the war committee of the cabinet Thursday a few hours after his return to Ottawa, a meeting of cabinet was called for today.

JOE GORDON TO ENLIST
EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Joe Gordon, the New York Yankees' second baseman, announced Thursday he would enlist in the armed forces this winter.

Gordon, 28, who has two small children, would not indicate what branch of the service he would enter. He is a pilot and is known to prefer an aviation branch.

GRID MEETING
There will be an organization meeting of the High School Canadian Football League at the Y.M.C.A. tonight at 7:30.

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C.C.F. Counted Out In Alberta By-election

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Representation of Red Deer constituency in the Alberta Legislative Assembly still is in doubt today after first-count votes in the by-election balloting. It now is a fight between the Social Credit and Independent parties with the C.C.F. eliminated from the running.

Climax of a two-week campaign, voting under the single transferable system was held Thursday and complete returns from the 49 polls, including three military, gave David Ure, Social Credit candidate, a 2,105-vote total, 72 more than W. J. Edgar, Independent. Alderman E. G. Johns, C.C.F., polled 1,362.

Under the single-transferable system, the candidate polling the lowest vote is eliminated unless one more than 50 per cent of the total votes on the first count.

40 Truants Caught

SEATTLE (AP)—More raids on "kid hangouts" were promised today by Police Capt. G. W. Kimball, juvenile safety division head, after the round-up of nearly 40 truant school children during a raid Thursday.

The children ranged in age from 8 to 15, Kimball said, and more than half said both their parents are working.

Next Count Monday

Second count in the riding, vacant since the death Nov. 4 of Alfred Speakman, Independent, will be held at Innisfail next Monday.

A victory for Ure, vice-principal of the Innisfail High School, would give Premier E. C. Manning's government 35 seats in the 57-member house, while election of Edgar would give the Independents, the opposition party, 18 members. The C.C.F., Independent Social Credit, Liberal and Labor parties have one member each.

When the by-election is decided there will be one vacancy in the House—in the five-seat Calgary riding—through the death last May of Premier William Aberhart. The government decided against a by-election there when Mr. Manning said in a statement Nov. 15 that "in accordance with its wartime policy, and particularly in view of the heavy expense of a by-election in a multiple constituency, the government does not feel justified in calling for a by-election in Calgary."

Statement by Mrs. F. Peterson, trustee: On Wednesday night at St. Mark's Hall I was accused of the crime of phoning people and asking them to run for the School Board. I am a member of the executive of the Saanich Ratepayers' Association. They appointed me chairman of an education committee which included the president and vice-president. We were requested by the association to interview suitable candidates for school trustees, and to investigate any candidates who were running. Consequently we tried to find a farmer from the inner wards who would be aware of the farmers' problems but still leave the School Board complete if the outer wards did secede. We also tried to find a businessman and a candidate from an organized labor group. We refused to consider any candidate who appeared to be biased for or against any teacher or school. I did not make untrue statements in my radio broadcast or elsewhere, as I always check and re-check first. And I did not "drag up" the Thomas case. I merely answered a few of the questions asked me by the citizens' committee in their violent attack on me at the School Board meeting of October 17.

Yanks Consolidate New Britain Beach With Few Losses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA (AP)—United States troops that invaded the Arawe peninsula of New Britain Island Wednesday are consolidating their positions, while the American air force has successfully repelled several Japanese air attacks.

The announcement from Allied headquarters was the first since the landing of U.S. troops on the southwest coast of Japan's main island base in the southwest Pacific.

The U.S. 6th Army established its hold on the Arawe peninsula with but few casualties, considering the scope of the operation.

The troops moved shoreward with powerful naval and air support, and seven hours after the first assault at dawn Wednesday, Brig-Gen. Julian Cunningham, commander of the invading force, messaged headquarters "our objective is attained."

It was the first concerted action for the 6th Army, commanded by Lt-Gen. Walter Krueger, and it won a strategically important position for the Allies.

Boats On Reef

Preceding the principal assault, aimed at Orange beach at the foot of the peninsula, a force slipped away from the invading fleet in rubber boats, intent on making the first beachhead at the top of the peninsula, to cut the Japanese retreat line.

But the force was met with heavy machine gun and light cannon fire as the boats neared the shore, and the attack ended on a reef, with one-quarter of the force killed or wounded. These were the principal casualties of the entire operation.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, directing the operation from a small island off the north coast of New Guinea, said not a plane of the Australian and United States squadrons that supported the action was lost, nor was any of our naval or transport ships lost.

The main assault troops hit the beach from their landing boats and speedily proceeded to mop up the few Japanese who attempted resistance from dugouts.

The Arawe peninsula is 85 miles west of Gasmata, enemy supply and air center which has been pounded frequently of late by Allied bombers, and 70 miles from Cape Gloucester, another Japanese air base on the western tip of the long, narrow, hooked island.

For Saanich School Board Vote for Non-Partisan Candidates

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Russians Regain Upper Hand Over Nazis in Ukraine

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW (AP)—Gen. Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian Army appeared to have gained the upper hand west of Kiev today after more than five weeks of desperate fighting against heavy German infantry and tank attacks.

Russian counterattacks dislodged the enemy from several settlements in the Teteriv River sector 55 miles west of the Ukraine capital for the second successive day Thursday Russian communiques said, enabling Vatutin's columns to resume their drive northwest of Radomysl.

Nazi Marshal Fritz von Mannstein's hold on that important stronghold, lying between the Korosten-Kiev and Zhitomir-Kiev main highways, now is seriously threatened by the Russian gains, dispatches from the front indicated.

Meanwhile Gen. Ivan S. Konev's 2nd Ukrainian Army, 200 miles to the south, pressed its attack on the captured Cherkassy toward the rail junction of Smela and

Trying to Keep Gas Allowance At Present Level

TORONTO (CP)—Oil Controller G. R. Cottrell told the 30th annual meeting of the Canadian Automobile Association here Thursday that quality of gasoline will be lowered in the next few days, but that it is hoped gasoline available for gasoline ration coupons will not be reduced.

He declared the supply situation is bleaker now than at any time since the war started.

"Stocks of gasoline on hand to

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Ever since the announcement of Prime Minister Churchill's illness with pneumonia Thursday, I have encountered on every hand expressions of concern and good wishes. Even young school children are discussing it and voicing hope for a speedy recovery.

I think that's worth recording here. That and the best of luck for this great leader who is carrying such a colossal load on his stocky shoulders.

So at long last, after more than a year of bloody fighting among the stinking, disease-infested jungles on the islands of the southwest Pacific, U.S. troops have made a successful landing on New Britain, key position in that strategic portion of the Japanese perimeter of defence.

They have, without undue losses, established a bridgehead at Arawe, on the southeastern

Beer Halls Costly to Esquimalt, Says F. C. Eaton In Election Talk

If the citizens of Greater Victoria want beer parlors, they should have them in their own municipalities and not depend on Esquimalt to provide accommodation for the entire district, F. C. Eaton, candidate for Esquimalt reeveship, said at an election meeting in the Queen of Peace Hall Thursday night.

He discussed the beer question from the financial, not the moral standpoint, saying he was a moderate, not a prohibitionist who was not prepared to deprive the working man of his glass of beer.

Esquimalt, he said, received the property tax on beer parlors. All other revenues went to superior governments. But presence of the beer parlors entailed extra policing and the conduct of bickers on streets at night had left some Esquimalt women afraid to patronize the cars.

"Financially they're bad business," he stated, adding he had worked for the closing of two this year and, given the opportunity through election, would continue efforts to close another next year.

The greed of the beer interests in crowding as many parlors into Esquimalt as possible would bring about a revolution of feeling which might take a prohibition campaign lead, with attendant evils, Mr. Eaton said.

ESQUIMALT DICTATORSHIP

The reeveship candidate attacked Reeve Alec Lockley for the alleged dictatorship he exercised in Esquimalt, declared the reeve had assumed, single-handed, all negotiations for the sale of Macaulay Plains at \$80,500 to the federal government and left the council no opportunity to discuss the deal.

Mr. Eaton pledged himself to a refunding program to secure repulsed fierce German counterattacks launched from the partly encircled industrial city of Kirovograd, 55 miles southwest of Kremenich.

3 OFFENSIVES ON

(The German radio, admitting strong Russian counterdrives west of Kiev, announced at the same time that at least three Soviet offensives now were under way in White Russia, one south of Nevel, a second west of Krichev in the Mogilev area, and the third southwest of Zhlobin. Berlin said heavy fighting was taking place on all three fronts, but claimed the Russians had failed to achieve material gains.)

In the fighting above the Dnieper bend, the communiques said, vanguards of Konev's army stormed forward to the outskirts of Smela under cover of a devastating military barrage.

ONLY SAILOR WITH MOUSTACHE—Leading Officers' Cook Edmund "Ed" Wallas, R.C.N.V.R., of Toronto, is possibly the only rating in the Royal Canadian Navy who wears a moustache. According to the King's Rules and Admiralty Instructions for the Navy, and contrary to popular belief, there are certain sea-going ratings who are privileged to wear moustaches. These are members of the Officers' Cooks and Stewards Branch.

U.S. Subs Sink 8 More Jap Ships

WASHINGTON (AP)—United States submarines roaming the Pacific have added eight more Japanese cargo ships to their "sighted and sunk" list. These raise the total of all Japanese vessels sunk since the start of the war to 374.

The navy announced the new sinkings today in a communique.

day are less than 50 per cent of normal and we are going to have difficulty in retaining our present position," he said. "I cannot hold out an encouraging picture as to the supply of motor gasoline for civilian needs."

Citing statistics, Mr. Cottrell said every 1,000-plane raid takes 4,500,000 gallons of gasoline. One raid on Hamburg took 990,000 barrels of high octane gasoline alone. In one day as many as 367 planes left an Atlantic airport for overseas and "each required 1,000 gallons."

There were also Royal Navy and Canadian army needs, he said, so that "civilians are fortunate that they have any gasoline at all."

"We are short of gasoline and having difficulty getting it."

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Alberta Regiment
Gibson, Alexander Anderson, Capt., Edmonton, Alta.
Western Ontario Regiment
Riedel, Vondel, Pte., Wallaceburg, Ont.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY
Hough, George, Gun., Coshlan, B.C.
Moore, Earl Floyd, Sgt., Moose Jaw, Sask.
Hewes, David Leonard, Gun., Jasper, Sask.
Riedel, Campbell Harold, Gun., Granby, Que.

SMASHBOK, Paul, A-L. Sgt., Andrew, Alta.
Eastern Ontario Regiment
McKenzie, Edward, Pte., Hagersville, Ont.

DIED
Canadian Armored Corps
Chastanis, Maurice, Tpr., Montreal, Que.
Royal Canadian Artillery
Chastanis, Urban Joseph, Gun., Tiamish, Pte., Sask.

Fahimann, Andrew Christopher, Gun., Minot, Sask.

Infantry
Boyd, Edward Murray Kirk, Cpl., To. Ont.

Williams, Arthur Joseph, Pte., Montreal, Que.

NEW BRUNSWICK REGIMENT
Rogers, Charles Willard, Pte., Pleasant Lake, N.S.

Quebec
Gaudreau, Roland, A-Cpl., Quebec, Que.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT
Levy, Thomas Morley, Sgt., Trail, B.C.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS
Cameron, Robert James, Pte., Toronto, Ont.

McNair, Joseph John, A-L. Cpl., Toronto, Ont.

Saunders, Gordon Lewis, Pte., Stojos Bay, Ont.

Waugh, Stanley Earl, Sgt., Gainsville, Ont.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS
Robert, Henri, Pte., Montreal, Que.

Rhine, Charles William, Pte., Vancouver, B.C.

CANADIAN PROTEST CORPS
Macintosh, Andrew William, L. Cpl., Chatham, N.B.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
Canadian Armored Corps
Williams, Cyril James, Cpl., Verdun, Que.

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED
Infantry
Bannister, James Arthur, Pte., London, Ontario.

REPORTED NOT WOUNDED
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps
Boucher, William Edward, Pte., Toronto, Ont.

REPORTED MISSING
Reconnaissance Corps
McLachlan, William Stuart, Tpr., Can. Hamilton, Ont.

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Crompt, Perry Elroy, Cpl., Baras, Ont.

RECONNAISSANCE CORPS
Tasles, Ronald Arthur, Pte., Lacombe, Alta.

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Simard, Lucien, Pte., Montreal, Que.

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NORTH BRUNSWICK REGIMENT
MacCormack, Wendell Archibald, Pte., Black Lake, N.B.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS
Garbe, Louis Fred, Pte., Melville, Sask.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS
Duggan, John Alfred, Pte., Halifax, N.S.

RECONNAISSANCE CORPS
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OTTAWA (CP)—Native-born Canadian citizens will not require border-crossing cards for temporary visits to the United States after Jan. 1, it was learned here.

Announcement of changes in the United States regulations governing crossing of the border which will have this effect is expected shortly.

Such persons, however, will have to produce evidence they were born in Canada. Canadian citizens born outside Canada will still require special documents.

The loosening of the regulations affects persons crossing the border for stays of 29 days or less.

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The Echo Answers Why?

HERE IS A QUESTION WHICH THE Vancouver Daily Province asks in a leading editorial: "Why is it that Canada, after less than four years, must have an election, whereas in Great Britain they can get along for eight years and not need any?" It replies to itself as follows: "The answer, of course, is that in Great Britain they are more concerned with the war and less with politics than we are; the British Parliament, having other and more important jobs to attend to than the mending of political fences and the manufacture of political capital, amended the Parliament Act and deferred the election." And the mainland newspaper improves the shining hour by adding that "the Canadian Parliament, which might have taken similar action, did not do so. Instead it left itself in a position which permitted the government to snuff it out in 1940 and call an election." It winds up by describing the appeal of nearly four years ago "a wholly unnecessary 'trick' election."

So far as we have observed, the government has not indicated that an appeal to the people is imminent—the "noise" one of its ministers has just made in Vancouver notwithstanding—and we feel like agreeing with our contemporary when it contends that an election is not necessary. Only a few vociferous critics of the King administration, who are quite a little more concerned with playing politics than with the conduct of the war—to transpire the Province's suggestion—are especially interested in the date of the Prime Minister's request for dissolution. The public has manifested no burning desire for a political free-for-all. On Sept. 27, last, moreover, Mr. King specifically announced that an election would be deemed necessary, for example, if:

1. The war is still raging in 1945 when the statutory life of the present Parliament ends.
2. Sufficient evidence arises to indicate that "any considerable proportion" of Canadian people are unwilling to continue to support the government's policies.
3. A group or combination of groups in Parliament moved to impeach the work of Parliament or to "misrepresent and distort government policies" to make it next to impossible for the government to carry on.
4. There was dissension in the ranks of the government and its supporters "for causes at the moment wholly unforeseen," of which "personally I have little fear of anything of the kind occurring."

Before the Prime Minister's declaration was 48 hours old it became the target for the Conservative press. But if the Vancouver newspaper will consult its files it will discover that it has been a fairly consistent critic of the King government and its war policy generally; and it has merely exercised its right. At the same time, if it is so dissatisfied with the administration's conduct in general, or so it seems to be, why does it boggle at an election which may or may not be called before it has run its statutory life? However, assuming it genuinely prefers Mr. King in control at Ottawa for the duration, rather than approve an appeal to the people six months or a year hence, it might at least try a little more helpful and constructive criticism and less of the fault-finding political tone.

It will not do for the Province to call the 1940 contest an "unnecessary trick election." It was neither unnecessary nor trick. It was deemed necessary, for one thing, because the war at that stage was in the so-called phoney stage and the Prime Minister, quite properly, desired—after nearly four years—to obtain new instructions from the people whose servant he is. And the opposition party chose the issue for debate on the hustings. The electorate decided against a so-called national government. So our contemporary had better decide for itself whether it really desires the retention of the King government for the duration of the war, or would prefer the Progressive Conservatives to set their cap at office; it cannot have it both ways.

Past Full Tide

IN VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIAL HEADWAY made by the C.C.F. in the Ontario provincial election earlier in the year, there is significance in the reversals suffered by the party in the municipal elections throughout Ontario last week.

In London the entire C.C.F. slate was defeated. In Hamilton, out of 15 C.C.F. candidates, only three were elected. In Mimico, the entire C.C.F. slate was defeated. In Sudbury, the C.C.F. candidate for mayor was beaten decisively. In Guelph all C.C.F. candidates failed. In Scarborough and North York Townships, no C.C.F. candidates were elected.

Thus, not only did the C.C.F. tidal wave fail to roll on, but the results indicate a recession from high water mark. Confident because of their gains in the provincial elections, the C.C.F. definitely had hopes of their ability to carry through into the field of local administration. The voters in Ontario cities, however, like those in Vancouver last week, made it clear that the C.C.F. is not welcome in municipal politics. The fact is that when the electors came to express themselves on municipal administration, which is closest to them of all

forms of government, they showed they knew exactly what they were voting for and thus displayed local good sense.

In contrast with what was shown in this municipal voting, the provincial poll might be said to have reflected partly, at least, an uninformed protest vote against the old parties and not so much a vote studiously in favor of socialist policy. Also, it might be deduced from the later municipal results, that the C.C.F.'s base of popular support is not as broad as had been thought. At any rate, the C.C.F. failure even to gain a toe-hold in Ontario municipalities represents the party's first decisive setback since it began to expand. There is satisfaction in this for those who have feared an unchecked onrush of socialism.

Two Anniversaries

FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY MR. MacKenzie King celebrated his 65th birthday with a radio recital of all the multifarious details which had just been written into the agreement covering what was officially to be known as the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. On that occasion the Prime Minister told his audience he had been assured by the government of the United Kingdom that this particular co-operative effort might well be "a decisive factor in the war's progress and conclusion." In any event, the formal announcement of this ambitious program, the discussion of which had involved comprehensive exchanges of view between the various Dominion governments, won the applause of press and public alike because of its promise to make Canada "the centre of the greatest mass air-training program the world has known."

That was the feeling four years ago. Even Mr. King's bitterest critics will agree that the meticulous care lavished on the scheme has produced results far in excess of anything the Prime Minister envisioned on his natal day in 1939; and its activities continue to expand as the tempo of the world's costliest conflict increases from day to day. This is only a part of Canada's contribution to the Empire's cause, moreover, with which the people of this and many other communities have grown thoroughly familiar. On his 69th birthday, of course, the Prime Minister is assured of the good wishes of political friends and opponents alike.

Ships And Cargoes

ON HIS COUNTRY'S THANKSGIVING Day recently, the United States Navy Secretary Knox said the United Nations had as many merchant ships at sea as they possessed at the beginning of the war. Uncertainty what Mr. Knox meant by "the countries now composing the United Nations" makes it difficult to tell just how far our side has come back. As of Jan. 1, 1941, Great Britain, the United States and Russia possessed 4,060 vessels of at least 2,000 gross tons each, aggregating 24,822,000 gross tons. Norway, Holland, France and Greece, whose governments in exile are generally included among United Nations, had 1,710 ships aggregating 9,325,000 gross tons.

It is worthy of note that the whole of the marvelous output of American yards, plus the equally praiseworthy if smaller output of British and Canadian yards, from September, 1939, to late November, 1943, have just sufficed to replace ships sunk by the Axis. And it should be remembered that when most of those ships went down they took cargo with them, and that cargo was badly needed and has had to be replaced. A ship built helps to win the war, but a ship built does not replace a loaded ship sunk.

'Can Work Together'

ONE PASSAGE IN MR. EDEN'S HOUSE OF Commons speech of Tuesday deserves particular attention and consideration from that rapidly-dwindling band of timid souls whose blood almost curdles at the slightest suggestion that the English-speaking nations ought to be able to get along very nicely with the Soviet Union if only they will apply the simple philosophy of give-and-take. The British Foreign Secretary stated his belief simply when he said that six months ago he could not have given assurance of complete postwar co-operation among the United Nations; but if asked that question today, he would reply emphatically:

"Yes, we three (Britain, the United States and Russia) can work together."

Many of us may not like the type of government which prevails in the Soviet Union; Marshal Stalin and his coadjutors neither ask nor expect us to like it. We do not ask them or expect them to like ours. What the men of Moscow and the people they rule most obviously desire, however, is a foolproof condition of permanent security under which they may be allowed to work out their own destiny and preserve that spirit of harmonious co-operation and collaboration in the days of peace to come which is now operating so successfully under the stresses of war. Anything Britain and British peoples and the United States can do to further that object will be mutually profitable to all concerned. The whole welfare of the human race ends upon it.

No declines for the last month, but the following increases in war material output are reported by Chairman Donald Nelson of the U.S. War Production Board: Ammunition, up 11 per cent over the previous month; electronic and communications equipment, up 9 per cent; cargo and supply ships, up 6 per cent for a total so far this year of more than fifteen million deadweight tons; and aircraft, up 9 per cent in weight and 10 per cent in value and numbers for a new high of 8,342 planes. Distressing news to state it mildly, for our enemies, who ridiculed the democracies as "bunglers" and without the will and capacity to organize.

Loose Ends

INVITATION TO JOIN

OUR SOCIAL life having been on the decline ever since they posted us for non-payment of dues down at the Book of the Month Club, we were delighted to find in yesterday's mail an invitation to become a member of the Academy of Political and Social Science. This, we said, is very high class stuff. We thought how it would impress our associates when, at the end of the day, somebody suggested running out Esquimaux way for a quick one and we could say: "Sorry, but we've had enough of your lowlife stuff. We're going down to buzz around with the lads in the Academy of Political and Social Science."

Frankly, although we're not one to apologize for our friends—they do as well as they can, in their unlighted way—we began to feel a little sorry for them. There they'd be, the same as always, sitting around talking about women, while we were chewing the fat about political, social and economic problems with a group of intelligent and thoughtful people. Besides, six times a year, we'd get the Academy's annals. None of the chaps we knew ever got annals in his life.

Well, we continued (this was all to ourself, mind you), it was a not unexpected tribute to a mordant thinker and molder of public opinion. Besides, we long had felt that the other club of which we are still a member in good standing—the Everwear \$24 Suit Club—didn't offer sufficient scope for open and frank discussion of world affairs. We were on the point of signing up with the Academy when we noticed that the membership terms, while modest, are strictly cash. Naturally, a re-examination of the entire club situation became necessary then.

Is it wise, we asked ourselves, for a man to belong to too many clubs? It is true, that at one time we were a prominent clubman. That was during prohibition, when we never stirred out after dark without 16 membership cards in our pockets. But we let the things lapse and confined our interests thenceforth to the Book of the Month and good old Everwear Suit. We toyed for a while with the idea of joining the National Geographic Society, but felt that it might crowd our life. We'd really not have had enough time to give to it.

Reflecting upon the Academy of Political and Social Science, we realized that we don't know very much about it. Does it have many parades, we wondered? Are the uniforms expensive? Has it ever been raided for selling after hours? Are there many fights there, late in the evening? (We know another club where, whenever the boys get to talking over world affairs much past midnight, the bartender moves quietly toward the telephone to be ready to call police.)

Does the Academy permit slot machines on the premises? If so, what percentage do they pay off? Are there any members who like to play the juke box at all hours? In the billiard room, if there is one, does anybody play for the house? Is the annual Kelly Pool tournament run on the level, without any ringer? How much are tickets for the summer beer picnic?

Those are a few of the questions any thinking man must ask before he takes the serious step of joining a club. If vexing and portentous problems are to be given proper consideration, they must be discussed in the right kind of surroundings. You can't have a gang singing quartettes down at the end of the room all evening.

We shall file our membership application away until some of the questions are answered. In the meantime, the Academy of Political and Social Science can get in touch with us practically any afternoon over at Sam's place.

GEMS OF THOUGHT—CHRISTMAS

"Christians awake, salute the happy morn Whereon the Saviour of the world was born."—John Byron.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."—The Bible.

"And so the Word had breath, and wrought With human hands the creed of creeds. In loveliness of perfect deeds, More strong than all poetic thought."—Tennyson.

"In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ that gives us light."—J. C. and A. W. Hare.

"The basis of Christmas is the rock, Christ Jesus; its fruits are inspiration and spiritual understanding of joy and rejoicing—not because of tradition, usage, or corporeal pleasures, but because of fundamental and demonstrable truth, because of the heaven within us."—Mary Baker Eddy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—What countries have the most homeless people as a result of the war?

A—China probably has the most homeless, a total of about 50,000,000. Russia comes next with 38,000,000, followed by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Belgium.

Q—Is it true that Benjamin Franklin established the first Canadian newspaper?

A—Benjamin Franklin was the founder of the Montreal Gazette in 1778 during the temporary occupation of that city by American forces in the War of the Revolution.

Q—Why is amethyst sometimes called bishop's stone?

A—The name comes from its customary use in the episcopal ring.

McCormick family headlines announcing final victory: War Won In Spite Of Roosevelt.

The Last of 25

Wing Cmdr. Guy P. Gibson, V.C., D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C. and Bar, hero of the smashing of the Moeche and Eder dams last summer, spoke recently to the Herald-Tribune public forum on current affairs.

IT IS A great honor and a great privilege to be here tonight, talking to you in New York City, on the last few days that I will be in this country. I have been down to Florida, up north to Chicago, Detroit, and out west to Hollywood, where I had a very good time, and everywhere I have found the most charming people in the world.

But I might say, and Major Royal would like me to say this too, that you are probably all wondering why we are so young. Well, I might tell you that in England, the Eighth Air Force and ourselves have placards put up in every bar that all lieutenant-colonels under the age of 19 must be accompanied by their parents when they go into a bar. But I, ladies and gentlemen, am here to speak to you as a bomber pilot, in a very limited time, and I'd like to tell you what we feel over there in England bombing the Germans.

Our idea is not to bomb Germany out of the war by bombing alone (although if we could do it would be a very nice little gift, and a way to shorten the war); what we are trying to do is soften her up to such a tune that when we do invade France, as we surely will, then we will have a punch-drunk enemy. This in turn will save lives, save lives of our young men who are going to plan the future of this world; young men who, I hope, when they come home will be able to have a free life, and will be able to live free for the rest of their lives.

I might say that these aerial battles which we fight on their account involve often 6,000 to 8,000 young men, and the strain is tremendous. Picture the scene, Picture England in autumn. The leaves are falling, the grass is still green, everything is very pretty. A crowd of young men may be playing games, they may be playing a ball game, they may be riding, they might be taking their girls out to a movie show, they might be doing anything—and then suddenly throughout the villages and the towns, loud speakers blare. "All crews report back to your bases immediately!" A few swift hours later those boys are 600 miles from home, fighting for their lives above a German target, whether it is day or night.

I might say that these night raids and day raids which I have been on are, in a way, the most thrilling things—and in another way the most gruesome. You are talking to your pals, boys you were brought up with, and then suddenly you see one burn up.

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Club Calendar

Victoria Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E. headquarters, Union Building, Monday, 2.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian W.M.S. lecture room, Monday, 2.30. Annual meeting, installation of officers.
Past Noble Grand's Club, home of Miss M. Winter, 1906 Leighton Road, tonight at 8. Christmas party.

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Girls Drill Team Receive Awards At Annual Concert

A program presented by the concert party of the Victoria Girls' Drill Team in the Shrine Auditorium Thursday evening, marked the sixth annual exercises of the team. This concert party has been taken from the Girls' Drill Team to act as a mobile unit in entertaining at different camps.

Warren Martin opened the program and introduced the master of ceremonies, Miss Gladys Cook.

During intermission, J. V. Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in presenting the annual awards, congratulated the team on their untiring work in entertaining the forces and their splendid performances which, he said, were a credit to Victoria. For perfect attendance at 53 practices and engagements during the year, prizes were awarded Kay Davidson, Joan Pearson, Gloria Tessaro, and Joyce Maxwell; missing one practice, Nona Myrtle Lyle, Nona Maxwell and Agnes McMillan; missing two practices, Jean Haverty, Shirley Harvey and Elaine Rawlinson; attendance for nine months, Alice Stevenson; Beverly Neely and Dorita Pallen; seven months, Hazel Pearson, Mary McGregor and Dorothy Banning. Special prizes were presented to Joyce Maxwell for perfect attendance for two years, and to Florence Edwards, who is entering the nursing service.

A presentation was made to Capt. Norman Foster from the team, and Mrs. Foster was honored for her work on the committees. Miss Grace McLeod, pianist, also received a token of appreciation.

The program included choruses by all members of the concert party; vocal solos by Misses E. Rawlinson, V. Lyle, H. McNaught, J. Maxwell, F. Steele and M. Lamont; a waltz tap by Misses D. Pallen, M. Williams, M. McGregor and H. Pearson; wooden soldier fantasy, Misses E. Rawlinson, J. Maxwell, D. Maxwell, V. Lyle and H. Pearson; tap dance, Miss D. Pallen; waltz ballet, by the troupe; vocal solo by Desmond McKillop, R.C.N.; and songs by Peele's Cowboy Entertainers, from the army.

One Victoria Girl's Life In the Waafs



Nora Bolton, right, Jubilee Hospital student nurse, was holidaying in England when war started, immediately joined the W.A.A.F.



Despite uniform and discipline she hasn't forgotten how to be feminine. Dressing table accessories relieve spartan simplicity of her room.



Inseparable companion, her Siamese cat "Tegulla" bought in London. Fuel rationing in damp English climate explains but toned-up flannel dressing gown.



Nora becomes a section officer in R.C.A.F. fighter operations room, receives secret information from Flt. Lt. H. E. Martin Toronto. She's his chief assistant.



Romance comes when she meets Sqdn. Ldr. "Tony" Da Costa of Glasgow at R.A.F. station at an air force party, he asks her to marry him. R.A.F. padre performs the ceremony at Knight Templars Church.



Sqdn. Ldr. Da Costa helps Nora, now his wife, with her parachute before he takes her on one of occasional trips together. He's Scotch in spite of his name.



Special treat is their trip to Oxford together. Nora's voice passes control room's instructions from operations room to fighter pilots in large, eastern England station.



SC. Da Costa enjoys luncheon, coffee with fellow officers in "Waafery," out of bounds to male personnel, although girls are welcome at Officers' Mess.



"We've been awfully lucky," says Mrs. Da Costa. "By sheer luck in postings we've only been separated three months since we were married in June, 1942."

Weddings

SPENCE-MUIRHEAD

Betty, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Muirhead, 3392 Salsbury Way, was united in marriage Wednesday evening at Oak Bay United Church to Wallace Austin Spence, youngest son of Mrs. A. Spence, Calgary. Dr. W. W. McPherson read the service, and Mr. Phillips played the organ. Mrs. J. Bullen sang "Because" while the bride party was in the vestry.

White tulle with a full floor-length skirt and a fitted bodice fashioned the bride's gown, and she was given away by her father. Her shoulder-length veil was caught to a headpiece of lace and net, centred with one gardenia, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. Her only jewelry was a single strand of pearls, a gift of the groom. Miss Avril Muirhead was her sister's only attendant, wearing a pale green voile frock with a three-tier skirt, and a tiny hat of pale yellow and green, trimmed with a short veil. She carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and white carnations. W. C. Calhoun was groomsmen, and ushering were Donald Corbett and Harry Warner.

A reception was held at the Douglas Hotel, where Mrs. H. Warner assisted the bride's mother in receiving the guests. Mrs. Bullen sang, accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Cadwallader.

EDGINGTON-REID

Sqdn. Ldr. R. O. Mossop, R.A.F. chaplain, performed the marriage Dec. 11 in St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, of Ann (Peter), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid, 1025 Port Street, and LAC Ronald Frederick Edgington, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edgington, Oxford, England. F. T. C. Wickert was at the organ, and Miss Sutherland was the vocal soloist.

The bride chose a gown of ivory satin having a train and long sleeves, and her veil was

Personal Notes

After a short visit to Victoria, Miss Bryde Willson has returned to her home at Ganges.

Mrs. Robert Daykin of Victoria is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, Fulford Harbor.

Mr. C. W. Baker, Ganges, is visiting Victoria, the guest of his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Patterson.

Lieut. Harry Chardlow has returned to Victoria, after a visit to Ganges, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. McDermott.

Louis T. Mervin of Portland and A. E. Mackenzie of Vancouver were out-of-town guests at the Rotary Club luncheon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leckie, Vancouver, are visiting Victoria, guests at the Empress Hotel. They will return home Sunday.

Mrs. J. Hepburn has returned to her home at Fulford Harbor after visiting her two daughters, Mrs. P. Horel and Mrs. T. Wellburn, in Victoria.

Sgt. and Mrs. K. B. Hincks and infant son, Donald Gordon, will arrive from Lethbridge Sunday to spend the Christmas season at Sgt. Hincks' home, Langford.

edged with heirloom lace, which also composed her Mary Stuart headpiece. She carried a bouquet of roses, carnations and violets, and wore a diamond brooch which had belonged to her grand mother, the late Mrs. A. Furness.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence left for a honeymoon on the mainland, the bride donning a two-piece blue wool frock, matching coat with wolf collar, navy blue accessories and a corsage bouquet of white gardenias.

A.Y.P.A. News

Christ Church Cathedral—At a meeting, under Miss Irene Webb, it was decided to hold the annual variety show April 13 instead of March 2. Greenery and holly for decorating the Cathedral are needed and may be brought to the hall Sunday or left at the vestry. Badminton will be played tonight at 8. Darwin Wilkes asked that more games be lent or given to the Boys' Club. Members were reminded of Corporate Communion at 8 Sunday. A Santa social will be held in the hall after church. A scavenger hunt arranged by group 1, under Dawn Wilkes, followed the meeting. Next meeting will be Jan. 5, with "Recreation" under group 2.

COLWOOD INSTITUTE

Sum of \$391 was raised during the year for war work and community aid. It was announced at the annual meeting of Colwood Women's Institute, Mrs. E. Emery was re-elected president, and other officers are Mrs. R. B. Murray, first vice-president, Mrs. F. A. Parker, second vice-president; Mrs. Bert Parker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. W. Wishart, Mrs. H. E. Stevens, directors. Christmas gifts have been sent to 45 Colwood men and women in the services. Mrs. Emery presented gifts to Mesdames Murray, Wishart and Parker for perfect attendance in 1943.

P.T.A. News

Willows—Mrs. A. J. Bewley presided at the last meeting and Mrs. J. M. Gelling reported that the membership is now over 100. Mrs. F. Hurley reported the subscription raised for the school library amounted to \$68, and a cheque for this amount was handed to B. C. Gilhe, vice-principal of the school. Attendance prize was awarded to grade one. Men of the association, with P. R. Noel as chairman, were responsible for the entertainment consisting of the reading of a play by the fine arts group with Mrs. R. T. Murphy as convener; community singing and quiz contests. Refreshments were under the supervision of A. J. Bewley and L. Neelands.

LANGFORD WELFARE GROUP

In the past two years 220 quilts have been made and given to the Red Cross, Bundles for Britain, and A.R.P. It was announced at the final meeting of the Langford Welfare Group. Gifts were presented to Mrs. J. M. Ritchie and Mrs. E. F. Le Quesne by Mrs. R. M. Heggie and Mrs. K. C. Hansen. The quilts will now be made in the Women's Institute Hall.

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Pause During Naval College Dance



Miss Patricia Strachan of Victoria "gives" with "Stormy Weather," above at the microphone, during the Christmas dance held by the cadets of the Royal Canadian Naval College at Esquimalt. The party, one of two annual social functions and a brief respite from the rigorous training schedule, took place on the "quarterdeck" where the young couples danced to the strains of the R.C.N. dance band.

Dorothy Dix

WAR MARRIAGES

Dear Dorothy Dix: When I first arrived in camp in the army, I made several trips to nearby towns because I was lonesome and bored and wanted to forget about my job in the army for a few hours. I met a girl with whom I fell so much in love that I got a divorce from my wife in order to marry her.

Now this girl and I have been living together and I have found out from her own statements that she has been unfaithful to me and has gone with other men for money. I feel like the dog in the 'fable that lost his bone when he saw his own reflection on the water as he crossed the bridge.

I don't know what to do. Please advise me.

G. L.

Answer: I take it from your letter that after you got your divorce from your wife, you did not marry the charmer, after all, which is at least a bit of luck, as it will save you the expense of getting another divorce, or else having to put up with a philandering wife.

We have had the spectacle of thousands of lads suddenly imagining themselves in love with girls they have known all their lives and for whom they had never even had a passing fancy, and marrying them on the spur of the moment. And other thousands of boys marrying strange girls after knowing them for only a few days or weeks, sometimes after a mere two cocktail acquaintance, and of whose characters and family background they were absolutely ignorant.

It was to be expected that these short-order marriages would have a brief duration, but it is surprising to learn that so many married men, who had been thoroughly house-broken at home, have gone haywire in the army and are seeking divorces from their faithful Marias.

It doesn't take a prophet to foretell that these Number Two marriages, founded on nothing but war hysteria, bode no good for the soldiers who are indulging in them, and that many a one will regret his and sigh for the good old faithful wife and the children and the comfortable home that they have thrown away for a shoddy and phony romance.

My earnest advice to all the men in the army is to steer clear of divorce for the duration. Let the old marriages rock along for the present.

May Send Tea Abroad

OTTAWA (CP)—Small quantities of tea may be included in overseas parcels after Dec. 18 without an export permit, the office of trade Minister Mac-

First Lady First Shopper



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt set a good example by officially launching the "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" drive, as she talked over her gift list with Santa Claus in a New York department store.

Victory Christmas Recipes

By LAURA C. PEPPER

Recent visitors to Ottawa's imposing grey stone Confederation Building which houses the Department of Agriculture, have been greeted by a tantalizing, spicy aroma that doesn't seem to belong to a government building.

"Smells like Christmas around here" was the remark made by more than one visitor with a slightly surprised sniff. And they weren't far wrong for, in Canada's kitchen which is located in this building, the home economists of the Department's Consumer's Section were busily at work testing cakes, puddings and cookies for Canada's fifth war Christmas.

Plans for Christmas baking must be laid well in advance this year, for even the simple entertaining that is now in vogue puts a strain on rationing. If shortbread is a "must" in your home it's none too soon to begin scripping a bit on butter; scrapping economy, now, will accumulate a reserve of sugar for extra baking, but recipes will still have to be modified in respect to other ingredients as they are available in your locality. Fortunately fruits are interchangeable; seedless raisins can be substituted for currants or seeded raisins, mixed peel for citron and maraschino for candied cherries.

Before recipes are approved by the Consumer Section and passed along to Canada's homes they must pass stern tests, not only for practicability in view of available supplies but also for quality and flavor. These recipes have passed all tests with flying colors.

White Fruit Cake

Three-quarter cup mild-flavored fat, 1 cup fine granulated or fruit sugar, 3 eggs, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup mixed peel, 1 cup chopped, candied or maraschino cherries, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 2½ cups all-purpose flour or 2½ cups pastry flour, ¼ cup fruit juice or milk.

Cream fat. Add sugar and cream well together. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Dredge fruit with part of the flour. Mix and sift remaining flour, salt and baking powder. Add alternately with the liquid. Mix in the flour-fruit. Line a deep pan with greased paper and fill two-thirds full with the batter. Bake in a slow oven, 300 degrees F., for about 1½ hours. Makes 2½ lbs. or a 7x7-inch cake.

Shortbread

Quarter cup mild-flavored fat, ¼ cup butter, ¼ cup brown sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 egg yolk, 1½ to 1¾ cups all-purpose flour or 1½ to 2 cups pastry flour.

Soften fat and butter slightly but do not allow to become oily. Stir in sugar, egg yolk and salt, using a wooden spoon. Mix in flour, adding it a little at a time until mixture is too stiff to work with a spoon. Turn onto a floured board and knead lightly, working in rest of flour as needed until the surface of the dough begins to crack. Roll out about ¼ inch thick and cut with a small cookie cutter. Bake in a slow oven, 325 degrees F., about 20 minutes or until delicately browned. Makes 3 to 4 dozen cookies.

War-time Dark Fruit Cake

Two and a quarter cups all-purpose flour or 2½ cups pastry flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ¼ teaspoon baking soda, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ cup mild-flavored fat, ½ cup sugar (white or brown), 4 cups raisins, ½ cup sliced candied or maraschino cherries, 1½ cups mixed peel, 2 eggs, ½ cup grape juice, ¼ cup molasses, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon lemon extract, ½ teaspoon almond extract.

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Add fat and sugar and rub together until there are no lumps of fat; add fruit and mix well. Combine slightly beaten eggs, grape juice,

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molasses and flavoring. Add to flour mixture and mix thoroughly. Line a deep pan with greased paper and fill two-thirds full with the batter. Bake in a slow oven, 300 degrees F., for about 3 hours. Makes 2½ pounds, a 7x7-inch cake.

Y.P.S. Activities

First United—Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Peggy Pepper; vice-president, June Dunn; secretary-treasurer, Jennie Robbins; corresponding secretary, Blair Fulton; press, Vic Clare; sports and social, Gerry Woodside. A Christmas program will be held Tuesday in the Y.P.U. room at 8.

LUXTON INSTITUTE

At a meeting of Luxton and Happy Valley Women's Institutes a report was read from the Christmas parcel committee, Mesdames C. O. Bodman, C. J. Hobbs, and G. Scott, stating that 34 parcels had been sent to Luxton and Happy Valley service men and women. Annual meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Hankin.

Ontario Liberals To Aid Drew Gov't.

TORONTO (CP)—In caucus at Queen's Park Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature agreed to co-operate with the Progressive Conservative government "in all matters which do not compromise Liberal principles."

Russian Parliament Postpones Elections

LONDON (CP)—Russia's parliamentary elections have been postponed another year, until December, 1944, by order of President Mikhail Kalinin, the Soviet radio monitor reported Thursday. The order also extends until then the powers of the parliamentary body — the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R.

100 YEARS of VICTORIA'S HISTORY "VICTORIA CAVALCADE"

Victoria Little Theatre and Dramatic School presentation of A. M. D. Fairbairn's "Victoria Cavalcade." Two performances will be held, Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, at the Royal Victoria Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at Fletcher's Music Store. Plan to attend this evening of fine entertainment.

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Repudiate Criticism Of Canadian Character

English people who attack Canada and Canadians can expect scant support from the Walton and Weybridge Urban District Council of England, it was disclosed in an exchange of communications forwarded to City Council today.

Some months ago a resident of the English community sought information from this city over possibilities of acquiring property

to operate as a guest house for anglers.

Today the city clerk here received a letter from the town clerk of the English council enclosing two communications above the signature of Miss E. Davidson, Duncan. The letters from Miss Davidson criticized Canada and Canadians, and said: "I am ill through Canadian bad treatment." They warned English people not to come to Canada, complained over marriages of English girls to Canadian servicemen, saying the brides would be brought back to a life of drudgery and generally ran down the Dominion.

The Walton and Weybridge town clerk forwarded them to Victoria for any action it should care to take and said the opinions expressed in the letters are "in direct contrast to those which all healthy minded British people feel."

Clubwomen

Fairfield United Church W.M.S. held its annual meeting, Mrs. G. G. Green presiding. Mrs. Wm. Allan conducted the candle-lighting ceremony. Mrs. J. C. Fields presided over the election of officers. Mrs. Green was again elected president.

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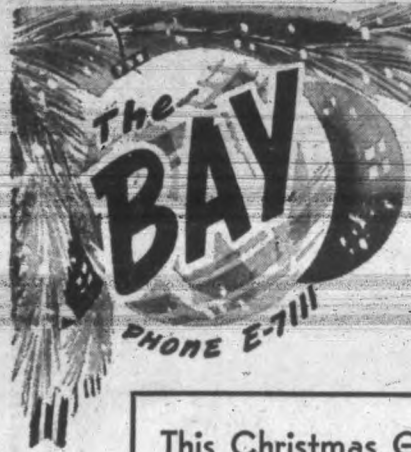
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	10 lbs. (in shopping bag) 25¢; approx. 100-lb. sk., \$2.05	
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APPLES	EXTRA FANCY HORTON REDS. Per box	\$3.50
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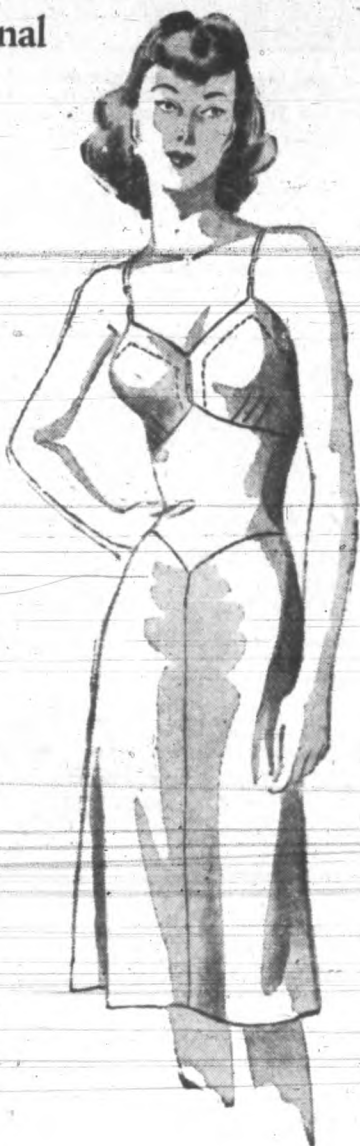
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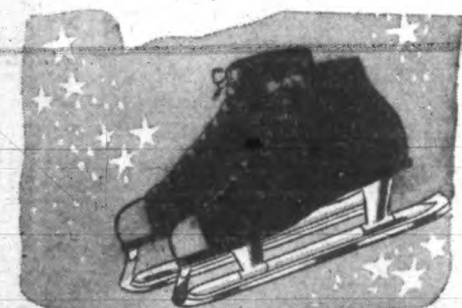
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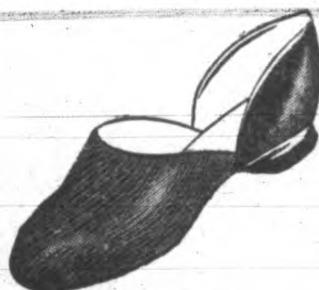
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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

JUST to complete the cycle would be news that the R.C.A.F. Sea Hawks of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association have lost several players to the draft. It would keep them in style with the Army and Navy teams. Local fans are still recovering from the shock of the news that such stars as Elmer Kreller, Mel Lund, Terry Beardon and Bill Carse will be lost to the Army. Although the Army has switched its affiliations to Nanaimo this season, many Victoria followers still think of the team as being from this city. Boys like Carse, Kreller and Lund built up a host of friends here who will be sorry to see them leave for an unknown destination.

Departure of these four ranking players leaves a big gap in the Army lineup, but by no stretch of the imagination can the club now be classed a weak one. The Army still has plenty of players available to fill in and we still rate them as definite contenders for the P.C.H.A. crown. Players like McIndoe and Dufault will no doubt get a better chance to show their ability and are likely to flash a lot of hockey form as they are first-class performers but were forced into the background on a club that boasted a wealth of puck material.

Departure from Nanaimo was no doubt a severe blow to Carse as he had visions of coaching the Army club to the Allan Cup championship. Chatting to Bill at the local Arena the other night, he told us he was quite resigned to remaining out of the game for the remainder of the season. He realized it was his big chance to establish himself in the hockey world as a bench coach. With a Canadian senior

championship to his credit, Carse could easily have landed a good coaching job at the end of the war.

Looking over the revised lineups of the various clubs we will string along with the R.C.A.F. Sea Hawks as the most potent outfit in the league. The Sea Hawks have added star players to their lineup as the season advances. They picked up a neat package of scoring dynamite in Wingy Johnson, formerly of the Chicago Black Hawks. When the almanac can release players like Hal McBride and Jimmy Lowe to Vancouver St. Regis they must be getting some pretty sweet replacements.

Probably you think the worst racehorse that ever existed was the one that ran out of the money with your dough riding on him, but "Semper Avanti" tells in the "Thoroughbred Record" of a nag called Sad News that probably takes the prize. Running on the Texas bush tracks some 35 years ago, Sad News slid down the scale until he ran with a \$35 claiming tag on him. Then he was given to a Houston newspaper, which hitched him to a paper route cart and put him on the depot run. The first time out he was beaten by the opposition paper, which used a Shetland pony.

Pacific Coast conference faculty athletic representatives and graduate managers decided that all 10 conference colleges will get their regular cuts off the Rose Bowl football game receipts this season although six of them quit on regular season football.

Wonder if they could have been listening when Judge Bramham revived those 16 inactive baseball leagues at the minors' convention?

Count Fleet Horse Of Year

Champ Blankets Field

NEW YORK (AP) — By the most lopsided margin in the eight-year history of their poll, United States sports writers today named Count Fleet "the horse of the year" for 1943 and the Count did less work for it

than any of the seven previous winners.

Although he has been on vacation for six months, and had only half-a-dozen trips to the post in his all-victorious campaign, the Fleet came in by himself with the year's top honors in the annual poll of writers and broadcasters conducted by the Turf and Sports Digest to be published Monday in the magazine's January issue.

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On top of that, the rangy rocket from the blue grass made even more of a one-sided waltz of the three-year-old championship, drawing 142 of 1943 first-place nominations, and piling up a total of 428 points, compared to 219 for W. E. Boone's Slide Rule, the late-season star that picked up the only other top vote. Voting for age division champions is on a basis of three points for first, two for second, and one for third. Only single nominations were made for horse of the year.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Connie Mack Jr. is being drafted.

The 31-year-old son of the Philadelphia Athletics' manager passed the selective service physical examination Wednesday and was ordered to report for induction at the New Cumberland (Pa.) reception centre Jan. 5.

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Red Deer Scores Third One-Goal Hockey Triumph

RED DEER, Alta. (CP) — Red Deer Army Wheelers have shown in their three Alberta Services Hockey League games this season they have the punch to produce when the chips are down.

Leaders of the three-team league, the Wheelers have come through with that extra goal to squeeze out three successive victories by one-goal margins. They opened the season with a 6 to 5 overtime victory over Calgary Tecumseh-Mustangs, came back with a 5 to 4 decision over the Calgary club in their second game and edged out Calgary A-16 Currie Barracks 4 to 3 here last night.

Their latest triumph, played on home ice the first time this year, was in the form of a present to coach Mac Colville, who received his sergeant's stripes. His promotion from private came just a few hours before game time.

Calgary was minus Max Bentley and Alex Kaleta, two of the most prolific scorers in the league, but coach Elmer Piper hopes they will be on hand when the clubs tangle again at Calgary Saturday night.

Wheeler's scorers were Bud Emery, George Pargeter, Eddie O'Keefe and Jack Forsey, and Calgary marksmen were Bobby Carse, Ken Stewart and Whitey Rimstad.

Allied Glory Wins 5,000 Race Event

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP) — Allied Glory, a granddaughter of Man o'War, won the \$5,000 added Lassies' Stakes, for two-year-old fillies foaled in California, at Bay Meadows track Thursday. It was a six-furlong sprint, timed in 1:11.

The winner, from the Ryanna Ranch of Beverly Hills, Calif., paid \$5.20, \$4.10 and \$3.40. Topsey Sue returned \$11.00 and \$6.50, and Bonalita \$6.60.

Results follow:

First race—Mile and a sixteenth: Black Legion (Doddson) — \$3.50 \$2.60 \$2.10; Blue Sweep (Pittard) — 3.30 2.30 1.90; Lady Millie (Dobson) — 3.20 2.30 1.90; Lady Millie (Dobson) — 3.20 2.30 1.90.

Second race—Six furlongs: Galpen, Maestro Satcha, Big Baras, Miss Sissy, Ice Run, Little Bar, Proper Gal, Bonnie Baron, Star Shine, Gus Salton, Fleet Line (Lundgren) — \$3.50 \$2.60 \$2.10; Bell (Dobson) — 3.00 2.00 1.60; Black Highway (Peterson) — 2.90 2.00 1.60.

Time 1:12. Also ran: Sorority Boy, Radio Oscar, Bonnie Charlie, Fall All, Big Justice, Gloria, Rita, and a sixteenth: Battery (Johnson) — \$4.50 \$3.50 \$3.00; New Hall (Dobson) — 4.70 3.50 3.00; Time 1:14.2-5. Also ran: Connelo, Florio, Beau Barker, Jim, and a sixteenth: Fifth race—Six furlongs: On the Run (Peterson) — \$3.50 \$2.60 \$2.10; Freedom Ring (Johnson) — 4.10 3.20 2.70; Lady Lake (Dobson) — 4.10 3.20 2.70.

Time 1:12.2-5. Also ran: Lucky Package, Atlantic City, Kiss Kiss, Boreas, M., Andy Marz, Prince Lady, Algie Menzies, and a sixteenth: Sixth race—Six furlongs: Allied Glory (Gray) — \$4.50 \$3.50 \$3.00; Topsey Sue (Blanco) — 11.00 6.50 5.00; Bonalita (Woodhouse) — 7.00 5.00 4.00; Time 1:12.2-5. Also ran: Dressed Up, Air Flinger, Navy Test, Gold Fun, Minna's, Beez Triple Bar, Mr. Emory, Lorraine Cross, Hettie's Pride.

Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth: Radio Marine (Hartson) — \$7.50 \$5.50 \$4.50; Battery (Johnson) — 4.70 3.50 3.00; New Hall (Dobson) — 4.70 3.50 3.00; Time 1:14.2-5. Also ran: Connelo, Florio, Beau Barker, Jim, and a sixteenth: Eighth race—One mile: Chumley (Lundgren) — \$3.50 \$2.60 \$2.10; Rain Crystal (Zutell) — 3.40 2.50 2.10; Time 1:38.4-5. Also ran: Pioneer, Cooperstown, Mighty Car, Ed Jay, Don 177, Top Dog.

Boeings Play Hoop Games Here Tomorrow

With the proceeds to be turned over to the sports funds of the Army and R.C.A.F., the double-headed basketball game will be presented at the Willows Sports Centre, Saturday night, featuring the appearance of Seattle Boeings.

The sound club, under coach Tim McCulloch, will bring over two entire line-ups for games against the Army and Canadian champion R.C.A.F. Flyers. Boeings will meet the Army, starting at 8, and the Flyers at 8:15.

In a preliminary at 7:15, Rookies and Units women's clubs will clash.

Referees for the games will be Carl Coates, Gordie Moore and W. Stewart. Bob Whyte will be the scorekeeper and W. Yeaman the timekeeper.

Monday's City League games were announced today as follows:

7:30—Women's game, Connelo vs. R.C.A.F. 8:15—Senior B men, Army vs. R.C.A.F. 9:00—Senior B men, Yarrow vs. Royals 9:30—Senior B men, Army vs. All-Black 9:00—Senior B men, West Road vs. Red Hot.

Chess Tourney

Games played recently in city chess championship matches at clubrooms follow:

F. W. Plant 1, J. Hobson 0, F. Fanstone 1, F. Stratholt 0, J. Wadsworth 0, N. R. Stewart 2.

STANDING OF LEADERS

	W.	L.	Pts.
F. W. Plant	6	1	6
N. R. Stewart	5	2	5
J. Hobson	4	3	4
F. Stratholt	4	3	4
F. Fanstone	4	3	4

Games scheduled for tonight follow:

N. R. Stewart vs. G. Jones, S. Stoner vs. J. Wadsworth, J. Hobson vs. F. Fanstone, F. Stratholt vs. F. W. Plant.

It's All Basketball



Detroit Whips Toronto

Normie Smith Stars

Normie Smith is back in the National Hockey League after five years absence and if his luck and his eyes hold out the 35-year-old goalkeeper will stay quite a while—even though he can only play in Detroit.

Normie was the whole show for the 9,336 fans at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, last night as Detroit Red Wings beat the Leafs 4 to 1. Maybe the blond-veteran is just the medicine Wings require to shake them out of fifth place. Smith helped win the Stanley Cup for Wings in 1936 and 1937.

Last night he stopped them all but Bob Davidson, who broke clear to score from 15 feet in the first period after Wings had taken a two-goal lead.

After the game it was announced Smith will not be permitted to take any more road trips with Detroit because of his position with an automobile plant. He will be available for games in Detroit.

The game cost Toronto a chance to hurdle Boston Bruins into second place and also cost them services of their star centre, Mel Hill, who suffered a broken ankle in the second period when he fell and crashed into the boards after a solo rush.

Wings presented three newcomers in addition to Smith. They called up forwards Frank (Red) Kane, Dalton (Nakina) Smith and Vic Lynn from Indianapolis farm to replace Simon and Don Grosso, both injured, and Carl Smith, returned to Indianapolis.

SUMMARY

First period—1, Detroit, Carveth, 4:43; 2, Detroit, Jackson, 15:35; 3, Toronto, Davidson (Carr, Bodnar), 16:20. Penalty: Lynn.

Second period—4, Detroit, Liscombe, 11:27. Penalty: Jennings.

Third period—5, Detroit, Carveth (Quackenbush), 18:35. Penalty: None.

Angott Favorite To Whip Ruffin

NEW YORK (AP) — Sammy Angott comes back to Madison Square Garden tonight for the second time as lightweight champion of all the world — except Madison Square Garden.

The last time swarthy Sammy stepped into the Garden as National Boxing Association boss he practically beat the ears off the New York-sanctioned boss, Lew Jenkins, and took both crowns.

For this second appearance the Pennsylvania pouter stuffs his recently-regained N.B.A. bauble in his pocket and tangles with Bobby Ruffin, New York stylist, in a 10-rounder. Although Sammy will be punching at Bobby, he'll really be aiming at the current New York champ, in the hope of eventually ironing out the wrinkles he himself put into the lightweight situation by his retirement a year ago.

At the moment, bouncing Beau Jack has the New York blessing Jack has a return bout on the fire with Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia bobcat, for some time in the new year. He also is signed to try again on Jan. 7 with Ruffin, who upset him a few months ago—but he hasn't said "positively" about that one.

However, the big man in the picture at present is swarthy Sammy, mostly because he stopped Willie Pep's winning streak at 62 straight and regained the N.B.A. crown from Slugger White this year. The gambling gentlemen have installed Sammy as a 2 to 5 choice.

One Senior Soccer Match On Tomorrow

One first division soccer match will be played tomorrow afternoon with the Army and Navy meeting at Athletic Park, starting at 2:30. Dave McMillan will referee.

Two second division games are carded Sunday. V.M.D. will battle the East Indians and Navy will oppose Yarrow.

On Monday, Dec. 27, it will be the V.M.D. vs. the Navy at Athletic Park, and on New Year's Day the shipbuilders will meet the Army.

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Craig Wood Uses Deadly Putter To Pace Tourney

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Craig Wood's putter could do no wrong Thursday and the duration United States open golf championship from Mamaroneck, N.Y., turned in a 68, two under par, to lead the first round of the \$5,000 Miami open tournament.

Wood's card showed eight one-putt holes—and except for the 18th, where he missed an easy one, he was sinking them all day with startling accuracy.

Only one stroke behind was Steve Wurga, the Miami pro turned defence worker, who carded 32-57-69.

Ensign Willie Turnesa, the former national amateur winner, overcame the handicaps of drizzling rain and a biting wind to turn in a par 70, matching the score of another amateur, Earl Christensen, the Miami detective.

Sammy Byrd of Detroit, pre-tournament favorite of his fellow professionals, had a 36-36 for 72, which gave him a tie for eighth place.

In the clubhouse the players were calling it "the putting tournament." Tony Penna of Dayton, who shot 35-38 for 73, said "anybody can get on the greens at Miami Springs. It's what you do after that that counts."

Six Swimmers Enter Christmas Plunge

Six hardy swimmers have entered the annual Christmas Day 50-yard plunge to be held in the Inner Harbor under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club.

G. Spence Matthews today announced the following entries for the handicap affair to be held at 11 in the morning: Abie Cory, Len Cloverdale, Anne Greenwood, Pat Tupman, Bob Rayner and Pete Jackson.

Several additional entries have been promised from members of the services. All entrants are asked to get their individual times for the 50 yards or they will have to start from scratch.

Any swimmers wishing to enter can leave their names at the Crystal Garden ticket office.

Flyers Flash Smooth Attack to Beat Army

V.M.D.-St.Regis In Hockey Duel Here Tonight

Hockey returns to the Willows Arena tonight with the fourth-place Victoria Machinery Depot engaging Vancouver St. Regis starting at 8:30. The local shipyarders won the last meeting between the clubs and hopes to repeat and strengthen its hold on number four spot in the league standings.

V.M.D. boast a record of four wins and as many losses to date, while St. Regis have won one and drawn one in 10 starts.

Monday night V.M.D. will return to the local ice to tackle the revised Army squad from Nanaimo.

SMOOTH ATTACK

VANCOUVER (CP) — Fans who have seen Sea Island R.C.A.F. Sea Hawks in their last two games were praising today the fine coaching job done by Fil, Lt. Frank Frederickson and Cpl. Bobby Kirk.

The Sea Hawks jumped into first place in the Pacific Coast Senior Hockey League by edging out Nanaimo Army Commanders 6 to 5 here last night.

What impressed the crowd of approximately 5,500 fans was the smooth attack shown by the almanac. The air force dropped over the board two forward lines that were passing to the right spot and making their plays click.

Pre-season predictions were that Esquimalt Navy and Nanaimo would fight all season for the lead, but now Sea Hawks are the predominant choice to win the league title.

The almanac went to work fast last night, taking a 2 to 1 lead in the first period and increasing the margin to 5 to 3 in the middle frame. The soldiers outscored Sea Hawks, 2 to 1, in the last 20 minutes, but the almanac never looked like losers.

Tony Licari, the former Ottawa forward, fired three goals for Sea Hawks, while Wingy Johnston got two and Jack Adams one. Mel Lund shot two for the Army, with the others being counted by Dave MacKay, Terry Reardon and Sam Kennedy.

The win put the almanac in the first place with 15 points, a half game ahead of Navy and a full game in front of Army.

It was the last game for Nanaimo for three of the players and Bill Carse, who have been posted to an unannounced station. Besides Carse, those posted are Lund, Reardon and Kreller.

LINEUPS

Army—Regnier; MacKay, Sawchuk; Lund; Kennedy, Melnyk. Subs: Metz, Desilets, Reardon, Kreller, McIndoe, Dufault, Marzo.

R.C.A.F.—Kavanaugh; Swaney, Norris; Quilty; Johnston, Adams. Subs: Smith, Shamlock, Licari, Blade, King, Koch.

Officials—Klyn and Cranston.

SUMMARY

First period—1, R.C.A.F., Johnston, 2:17; 2, Army, Lund (Kennedy-Melnyk), 14:27; 3, R.C.A.F., Licari (Shamlock), 15:07. Penalties: Melnyk, Norris, Adams.

Second period—4, R.C.A.F., Adams (Johnston), 14:5; 5, R.C.A.F., Licari (Shamlock), 5:37; 6, Army, Lund, 8:07; 7, R.C.A.F., Licari, 13:54; 8, Army, MacKay (Reardon), 18:40. Penalties: Quilty, MacKay 2, Swaney.

Third period—9, Army, Reardon (Dufault), 10:53; 10, R.C.A.F., Johnston, 19:18; 11, Army, Kennedy (Lunde), 19:27. Penalties: Smith, Reardon, Johnston.

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.						
	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Canadiens	12	2	3	80	37	27
Boston	8	7	3	88	89	19
Toronto	8	8	2	75	73	18
Chicago	9	7	0	67	66	18
Detroit	6	6	3	57	57	15
Rangers	1	14	1	52	95	3

COAST LEAGUE

Goals						
	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
R.C.A.F.	7	1	1	56	39	15
Navy	6	2	2	38	31	14
Army	6	5	0	57	40	12
V.M.D.	4	4	0	30	34	8
C.P.A.L.	2	6	0	35	50	4
St. Regis	1	8	1	32	54	3

Scoring Leaders

Goals						
	G.	A.	P.	G.	A.	P.
Cowley, Boston	11	25	34	11	25	34
H. Cain, Boston	10	14	23	10	14	23
Melnyk, Chicago	11	19	24	11	19	24
D. Bentley, Chicago	9	17	26	9	17	26
L. Carr, Toronto	7	13	20	7	13	20
O'Connor, Canada	7	13	20	7	13	20

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A well-made practical line, of cotton yarns. Plain shades. Neat-fitting, turn-down tops and comfortable foot. Sizes 6½ to 10.

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A Pair 49c

A semi-fashioned Hose, popular for general wear, made from fine yarns with reinforced heels and toes. Choice of seasonable shades. Sizes 8½ to 10½.

Rayon Mixture Hose

A Pair 39c

For the person desiring a slightly heavier Hose for everyday wear, these are sure to please. Made from good quality rayon and cotton mixture yarns, with durable foot and wide top. Choice of several shades. Sizes 9½ to 10½.

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A suit 1.39

Here is an extra special value. Neatly cut pyjamas of medium-weight striped flannelette. Lapel collar style. Choice of colorings. Sizes 36 to 42.

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Stories of London Told to Lions Club

Fibre of London's character is made of strands of the past, said Rev. Michael Coleman, rector of the famous All Hallows' Church of England, when addressing a meeting of the Lions Club in Spencer's dining room Thursday. Being a special occasion, wives and guests of members were in-

vited. Jack Fuller, president, was in the chair.

He spoke with quiet admiration of the splendid humor of the Cockney through the blitz period. "It is one of the most divine qualities of human nature I have ever seen," he said. "No matter how great the agony of the soul, their sense of humor overcame it."

Mr. Coleman spoke of the work that "being done in bomb-shattered London by Rev. Tub-

by Clayton, especially children's playgrounds.

"People are beginning to realize that God doesn't mean London to have slums any more," he said, mentioning the excellence of the Beveridge plan, and expressing the hope that Canada would form a similar plan.

The gruelling intensity of daily raids in the summer of 1940, and the 53 days' continuous attacks from at night to 6 in the morning, were also described by the speaker.

And Stalingrad, have had worse times," Mr. Coleman said, "but for an entirely civilian city of 10,000,000 people, London had eight months of real terror."

E. Tait expressed the appreciation of the club to the Church of England minister. Mrs. Coleman was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

A paper feeder device has been patented to attach to typewriters. Single sheets of paper or sets of sheets are fed quickly from a magazine into typing position.

Rotarians Urged To Join Navy League

Victoria is a naval garrison and will remain one, Major Harold Brown, honorary chairman of the B.C. Division of the Navy League of Canada's drive for membership, told members of the Rotary Club, in Empress Hotel, Thursday, when he made an appeal to Rotarians to join the league.

Outgoing work of the Navy

League for men of the Merchant and Royal Canadian Navies. Major Brown stated that Canada must rise to the stature of a naval and maritime nation. He emphasized Victoria's importance as a naval centre.

Urging members of the Rotary Club to become Navy League members, he said the Victoria branch alone, wanted 80,000 new members. Each \$1 membership sold will give the holder to a chance in the Mystery Treasure Chest drawing—a chance to win a first prize worth \$15,000 and

additional prizes amounting to \$4,000. Proceeds of the drive will go towards the work of the Navy League.

In the absence of Dr. C. G. Carl, director of the provincial museum, who was to have been the Rotary luncheon speaker, C. R. D. Ferris, photographer for the Department of Trade and Industry of the Provincial government, showed a film entitled "The Magnetic North." Dr. Carl was reported ill with the flu.

ALL CLEAR

Mrs. Jones and her small son were gazing anxiously at air-planes passing overhead.

"It's all right, dad," said their next-door neighbor, Mrs. Smith. "They're ours."

Next day Mr. Jones was out with the boy when another batch of planes passed overhead.

"It's all right, dad," exclaimed the boy. "You needn't worry. They're Mrs. Smith's!"

Apples, Oranges and Nuts for Christmas

Peanut butter from Georgia, tangerines from Texas and all the Okanagan apples the kiddies can eat, will add color and vitamin glamour to local fruit counters this Christmas, as wholesalers report they have their Yuletide stocks in hand.

One Yates Street wholesaler has already had one shipment of peaches, which went out immediately to retailers and expects another small shipment in today. Two more local wholesalers expect small quantities of the peaches to arrive in today. They do not anticipate shipments of any other varieties of nuts.

"We have a fairly good supply of California oranges and expect shipments of Florida and Texas tangerines in nearly every day next week," one wholesaler said. "We have plenty of grapefruit on hand for a month and plentiful supplies of McIntosh Red and Delicious apples from the Okanagan."

Okanagan pears are on the market and also considerable quantities of California Emperor grapes, he added. There will not, however, be bananas in time for Christmas, as had been previously expected.

Fancy California vegetables

3 Airmen Injured As Car Overturns

Skidding on the icy East Saanich Road near the game farm this morning, a light English car overturned three times and crashed through a fence into a field, injuring three airmen who were passengers in the car.

Saanich police gave the driver of the car as Mrs. M. Walker, Harbor Road, Sidney. She was uninjured.

The injured airmen are: Cpl. R. B. Young, R.C.A.F., head and back injuries.

LAC. Nicholas, R.A.F., torn right ear and shock.

LAC. L. Penny, R.C.A.F., cuts and bruises to the head and possible back injuries.

Police said the conditions of the airmen was not serious. After receiving first aid from police and municipal health officers they were taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital.

which are being imported for the Christmas trade include artichokes, broccoli, endive, parsley and rhubarb. In addition there will be Texas spinach, Mexican field tomatoes, California head lettuce, local hothouse tomatoes and celery. Cauliflower is expected to be scarce and the stock of cranberries is running low, according to the wholesaler. If the stock runs out he will attempt to get further supplies.

High Play Feature Of School Closing

Students from Victoria College down to receiving class were on holiday today following a round of Christmas concerts in the majority of cases and the more serious business of examination writing at College.

While a number of the older boys are taking Christmas rush employment, the following days up to Jan. 3 will be holidays for the majority.

An innovation was introduced at Victoria High School where classes presented the annual concert during the morning.

The presentation took the form of a skillfully performed Nativity play with a musical background supplied by the different school choirs under the direction of Miss Norma Douglas, with Miss Evelyn Prisk as accompanist.

Produced by Miss E. G. Cameron, the play "The Babe in the Inn," opened with a scene in the inn kitchen and closed with the Adoration.

Characters included Lady Rebekah, played by Thelma Brown; Sarah, the wife of the inn keeper, Betty Evans; Miriam, a serving maid, Dorothy Marr; Simon, her son, Bill McCleave; three shepherds, Walter Margetts, Charlie Kinney and Malcolm McDonald; three kings, Robert Canova, Robert Cole and Richard Martin; servingman to the kings, Don Robertson; two dancing girls, Margaret Hodson and Mary Patterson; Mary of Nazareth, Patsy Scott; and Joseph, Lill Dempsey.

The production opened with the junior girls choir singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and carols continued as the play was in progress with combined choirs rendering "While Shepherds Watched," "First Nowell," and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Bernice Davey was featured in the solo, "Silent Night, Holy Night," and Irene Collie contributed the violin selection, "Ave Maria," accompanied by Lorraine Cornish.

TOWN TOPICS

Starting today, the customs office will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, including Saturdays, until the end of the year for the accommodation of the public.

Lifting of restrictions covering purchase of asphalt was announced to the city today by the government department, concerned. The city may buy direct from producers, the letter said, without application to any control group.

W.O. Gordon R. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cook, 1286 Belmont Road, has been commissioned in eastern Canada. It is announced by the Western Air Command. Of nine other British Columbians commissioned, eight received their commissions overseas.

Cold Tea Experiment Ends With Acquittal

Experiments with cold tea in the trial of Mrs. Ruth Hindson, charged with having liquor in the Pekin Cafe, concluded today. Magistrate H. C. Hall dismissed the charge.

Sinclair Elliott, defence counsel, opened the experiments Thursday in an effort to prove that a bottle kicked over on the floor would contain a considerable quantity of liquor. Magistrate Hall granted an adjournment to secure an expert.

Today George Vincent Clayton, bartender in the Naden 1 canteen, which he said handled 700 dozen pints of beer a month, turned on its side a bottle similar to that produced in court by Constable Bill Andrews, who charged Mrs. Hindson.

About half the cold tea in the half-full bottle turned on its side by Mr. Clayton ran out, leaving the bottle about one-quarter full. Despite the fact that one wall of the bottle was convex while the other was concave, Mr. Clayton predicted and showed that it in no difference in the amount of liquor that ran out.

He said the only way the bottle could be emptied to the extent the bottle produced in court had been was to pour the liquor out.

With Mr. Elliott protesting, Magistrate Hall permitted P. J. Sinnott, prosecutor, to further examine Constable Andrews, who said he had noticed a pool of liquid on the floor under the table at which Mrs. Hindson had been sitting. Previously Constable Andrews had testified that when he had asked Mrs. Hindson for the bottle she had put it on the floor and kicked it over.

In passing judgment, Magistrate Hall said the bottle shown in court could only have been cleared to the extent it was by pouring out the liquor.

Groceries, Pie Stolen

Theft of a shopping bag full of groceries and Christmas presents, and a piece of pie apparently by a muddy-shoe youth who entered a home, were reported to police Thursday.

Mrs. C. Brousson, Gordon Head, reported her shopping basket taken from a Fort Street store at 3:40 Thursday afternoon. Police reported the home of Mrs. J. B. Pauson, 1305 Despard Avenue, had been entered by forcing a front window with a screw driver. Mud tracks were left in the rooms. Police said there was no doubt this was the work of a juvenile.

Theft of five 50's of cigarettes from the Belmont News Stand was also reported. William Bird, 1334 Amphion, said he had found a tricycle on Oak Bay Avenue, while police recovered a bicycle from Parkington Street. Esquimalt police reported they had found four car wheels in some bushes.

Loss of a 25-ounce bottle of Scotch and \$25 was reported by a merchant seaman.

Dr. Cassidy Here, Writing New Book



PROFESSOR CASSIDY

Dr. Harry M. Cassidy, former director of social welfare for British Columbia and now head of the department of social welfare at the University of California, arrived in Victoria today from Berkeley to complete his assembly of material for his new book on the reorganization of Canada's health welfare services.

It will be a sequel to his book published at the beginning of this year, "Social Security and Reconstruction in Canada."

"We are trying to find the answer to the question as to how well organized are our social services to stand up to postwar obligations and how they can be fitted into the provisions of a general social security plan," Dr. Cassidy said.

He is conferring with government officials today and tomorrow and expects to return to California tomorrow night.

Navy Boys Will Get Holiday Leave

The navy is giving the boys a break during the Christmas holidays after all.

Naval authorities here announced today that four days' Christmas leave will be granted navy men as exigencies of the service permit.

Previously, it was the ruling that leave would be discouraged to all except those staying on the island. Reason given was transportation congestion.

The new order states that those securing Christmas leave may take it off the island, providing they can secure transportation. The navy men would necessarily have to report when their leave was up, but where they spent it would be entirely up to them. Where men are needed to man ships, no leave would be granted. It was explained.

Army and air force men, as previously announced, will get holiday leave as usual.

Taxi Law Revisions Sought By Controller

Revision of Victoria's taxi regulations, subject of controversy in former years, is suggested in a letter received at the City Hall today.

The communication asks a meeting Monday or Tuesday between members of the council concerned and S. Sigmundson, regional director, Transit Control.

"We wish to discuss the possibility of altering our present by-law re taxi rates to conform with the actual charges in effect. I understand your present by-law applies to metered cabs and there are no metered cabs in operation in your city," the letter said in part.

2 Accidents Result In Court Convictions

Two motorists were convicted and fined in city court today on separate charges of dangerous driving at Hillside and Quadra. Edward Torontz was fined \$25 on a charge which followed a collision of his car and a street-car.

Alfred E. Jones pleaded guilty to a similar charge which followed a collision of his car and a bus. He was fined \$25.

Another motorist was fined \$15 for driving over 30 miles per hour. A pedestrian, guilty of walking against a traffic light, was fined \$1.

Showing leniency in payment of fines because of the proximity of Christmas, Magistrate H. C. Hall today granted a man, whom he had fined \$25 for dangerous driving, until Jan. 3 to pay his fine.

E.O.F. FUNERAL NOTICE

The members of Victoria Lodge No. 1 are requested to meet at their hall on Douglas Street at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, to attend the funeral of our late Brother A. J. Clyde, P.G. COMBIE Rec. Secy.

Locomotive Misses Slumbering Man By Fraction Of Inch

Saanich police today described a miraculous escape from death in which a man, who they said was suffering from loss of memory, missed being cut to pieces by a heavy C.N.R. freight train by a matter of a fraction of an inch.

The man, Alex Allen, 181 Hampton Road, at noon today was resting at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. J. H. Moore, who is attending, said no complete examination of his injuries had been made but Saanich police believed Allen, about 70 years old, was not seriously hurt, suffering only bruises on one side.

Sgt. Eric Elwell said Allen at 7:45 this morning was reported missing after his dog, which left the house with him at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, came home alone.

At 8:45 police were called to the C.N.R. bridge at mile 2.3 between Burnside and Tillamook Roads. They learned that Allen had been found lying between the track and the guard rail on the trestle, in a space less than a foot wide.

The locomotive, tender and three cars of a 30-car freight had passed by the spot where Allen was lying.

"I can't see how he was not killed," said Sgt. Elwell. "It's miraculous."

He said Allen was wedged in a spot six to seven inches wide and each wheel and journal box must have scratched his body as the locomotive and two cars rolled by.

Sgt. Elwell said the engineer, Arthur James, was to be commended for bringing the heavy freight to a stop in such a short distance. James, he said, because of the fog did not see the man until the locomotive was right on top of him.

The train was delayed about 30 minutes.

Police said Allen and his dog apparently spent the night on the trestle. Heavy hoar frost covered the ties and railing everywhere except where Allen and the dog slept.

17 Poll Stations For Saturday Vote

Voting will begin at 8 o'clock Saturday morning and continue until 8 in the evening, at 17 polling stations set up in the municipalities of Saanich, Oak Bay, and Esquimalt, for the election of two reeves, seven councillors, seven school trustees and one police commissioner.

If each registered voter exercises his franchise, there will be a total of 15,300 ballots cast—9,023 in Saanich, 3,860 in Oak Bay, and 1,517 in Esquimalt. Election returns are expected to be completed at 10:30 Saturday evening in Saanich, 10 o'clock in Esquimalt, and approximately 8:30 in Oak Bay, where there are only members of the school board to be elected.

Counts will be held at 11 Monday morning in Esquimalt, and at 10 in Saanich.

Three candidates are contesting the reeveship in Saanich, with one to be elected; eight are contesting for four council seats, and five are contesting for three two-year terms on the school board. Two candidates are in the race for the one-year term on the school board. W. A. Greene is returning officer.

Here are the Saanich polling stations: Ward 1—Cedar Hill School, or 3201 Richmond Road; Ward 2—Tolmie School, or Cloverdale School; Ward 3—Gordon Head School, or Cadboro Bay Boy Scouts' Hall; Ward 4—Marigold Hall, or Pentecostal Hall; Ward 5—Royal Oak School, or McMorran's Pavilion; Ward 6—Keating Temperance Hall, or Brentwood Women's Institute (small) Hall; Ward 7—Tillamook School, or Gorge Barbecue, 482 Gorge Road West.

In Oak Bay four candidates are contesting three trusteeships on the school board. Only polling station will be the council chamber in the Municipal Hall. R. F. Blandy is returning officer.

Two candidates are contesting the reeveship in Esquimalt; seven are contesting for three seats on the council, and three the office of police commissioner. The Municipal Hall and 847 Carrie Street will be the two polling stations. W. J. Cave is returning officer, and A. E. Cave deputy returning officer.

Ball of \$2,000 on two sureties was fixed by Mr. Justice A. D. Macfarlane today for Bobby Carlow, committed for trial at Victoria's spring assizes on a charge of attempted carnal knowledge of a young girl. The application, made by Stuart Henderson who asked bail be fixed at \$1,000, met opposition from W. B. Colvin, representing the crown. The latter asked for a higher figure and \$2,000 was fixed.

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A colorful tableau, "Flag of Our Country," climaxed a splendid concert Thursday night by the pupils of Monterey School in which each division contributed to the Christmas spirit with plays, dances or carols. Held in the Monterey School auditorium, the Oak Bay pupils, under the supervision of Capt. F. G. Dexter, gave enjoyment both to themselves and the audience in the course of a delightful program.

Youngsters dressed up as Christmas gifts in gay wrappers, as snowmen and other Christmas symbols, went through their lines with ease, displaying excellent direction. Jack Frost was there, and a huge Christmas pudding, while the rhythm band supplied festive music.

Each division had prepared its program under the direction of its home teacher, and many hours of study and rehearsal had been spent to insure the success of the concert.

Fire Damages Building At Gordon Head Camp

Roof of a boiler building adjacent to the hospital at Gordon Head Camp was considerably damaged by fire to which Saanich firemen were called at 6:26 this morning.

Cause of the blaze in the frame and sheet metal building was unknown to Chief J. Law who attended with a crew on five men and one pumper. Firemen battled the blaze for an hour and a half.

The hospital for a time was threatened by the fire but was saved by firemen who poured water onto the roof. Army fire-fighters helped battle the blaze.

The heating unit was used to supply hot water to the hospital. Although cause of the blaze is unknown, Chief Law said there was nothing to suggest the blaze was incendiary.

Secondary Glider To Be Built Here

A primary glider now under construction will be completed shortly and a secondary machine is planned, members of the Victoria and Island Gliding and Soaring Club were told at a general meeting in the City Hall this week.

Work groups will be rearranged under leaders named by J. B. Taylor and a suggestion box will be placed in the hangar. The meeting expressed appreciation to E. B. Murdie, secretary-treasurer, for work during the year and heard Jeff Walton thank members for the interest they had shown during his con-

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Ward 6—Keating Temperance Hall, or Brentwood Women's Institute (small) Hall

Ward 7—Tillamook School, or Gorge Barbecue, 482 Gorge Road West

A complete Voters' List will be hung in each Polling Station for the convenience of those Voters uncertain as to which Ward their name appears.

Further information regarding the Voters' List may be obtained by telephoning the Municipal Hall, G 4168 or Colquhitt 91.

The Municipal Council requests that the Electorate turn out at Election Meetings, as advertised in the press, and that they make use of their franchise on Saturday, December 18th, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Announcements

BIRTHS
 BATES—To Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bates (nee Anna Bates), 1500 Royal Jubilee Hospital, on Dec. 15, 1943, the gift of a son.

CLAPWORTHY—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clapworthy (nee Rita Watson), 1500 Royal Jubilee Hospital, on Dec. 14, 1943, the gift of a son.

KENNEDY—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, 1133 Johnson Street, at Jubilee Hospital, Dec. 15, a son.

MARRIAGES
 BOGINGTON—The marriage between Miss Betty Bogington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bogington, 1025 Port Street, and LAC, Ronald P. E. Edgington, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edgington, 1025 Port Street, was solemnized in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oak Bay, on Saturday evening, Dec. 11.

SPENCE-MURPHY—Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spence, 1025 Port Street, and Wallace Austin Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murphy, 1025 Port Street, were united in marriage Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1943, at 8 p.m. in the Oak Bay United Church, Oak Bay, by Rev. J. H. Spence, D.D., officiating.

DEATHS
 BOLITHO—At Royal Jubilee Hospital on Dec. 14, 1943, John Russell Bolitho, aged 69 years, late of Victoria, B.C., and a resident in this province for the last 14 years. He was a member of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Legion. The late Mr. Bolitho is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bolitho; two sons in the Canadian army, Aubrey, overseas, and Leslie, in England; also one brother and one sister, in England.

The remains are resting at McCall Bros. Funeral Chapel, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Canon H. Smith officiating. Interment in the family plot at Rose Bay Cemetery.

JE—There passed away on Dec. 14, 1943, at 225 Government Street, James Clyde, aged 85 years, late resident in Victoria, B.C., and a resident of Victoria for the last 47 years. Survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Clyde, and one son, Mr. J. H. Clyde, both of whom are in the Canadian army. Also one brother and one sister, in England.

The remains are resting at McCall Bros. Funeral Chapel, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Canon H. Smith officiating. Interment in the family plot at Rose Bay Cemetery.

CHERRY—Three passed away at the family residence, 1322 Belmont Road, on Dec. 16, 1943, Mrs. Harriet Cherry, aged 82 years, late of Victoria, B.C., and a resident in this province for the last 31 years. Survived by her husband, Mr. Clarence Walter Cherry; two sons, Mr. D. H. Cherry and Mr. J. H. Cherry, both of whom are in the Canadian army. Also one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cherry, and one brother and one sister, in England.

The remains are resting at McCall Bros. Funeral Chapel, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Canon H. Smith officiating. Interment in the family plot at Rose Bay Cemetery.

MONTEITH—On Dec. 16, 1943, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Henrietta Jean Monteith, aged 82 years, late of Victoria, B.C., and a resident in this province for the last 31 years. Survived by her husband, Mr. J. H. Monteith; two sons, Mr. D. H. Monteith and Mr. J. H. Monteith, both of whom are in the Canadian army. Also one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Monteith, and one brother and one sister, in England.

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MITCHELL—On Dec. 15, 1943, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Henry Mitchell, aged 82 years, late of Victoria, B.C., and a resident in this province for the last 31 years. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Mitchell; two sons, Mr. D. H. Mitchell and Mr. J. H. Mitchell, both of whom are in the Canadian army. Also one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, and one brother and one sister, in England.

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Lockley Denies 'Dictatorship'; Flays Eaton's Refunding Plans

Defending his administration of the municipality of Esquimalt over the past nine years, Reeve Alex Lockley, at a meeting at the Municipal Hall, Thursday night, categorically denied charges of Councillor F. G. Eaton, his opponent for the reevehip in the election tomorrow, that there was a dictatorship in Esquimalt. Forty people attended.

"Most that Eaton has told you is untrue, unfair and he knows it. Do I look like a dictator? I don't feel like one," he said. "I will withdraw from the contest if one councillor here can say that I have ever been unkind or unfair. Eaton cannot attack my administration—but let us have a change—that is the whole structure of his campaign."

Referring to Eaton's statements that he was chairman of the school board, head of the police commission, chairman of the A.R.P. committee and ration board, Mr. Lockley stated that by virtue of holding the office of reeve, he had to take the last three named positions whether he liked it or not. It was the law of the land, he said, and who ever became next reeve would also have to take the positions. With regard to the school board, he said there was no pay connected with it but considerable work.

WANTS TEMPERANCE VOTE

"Please don't let them fool you," the reeve appealed to his audience when he spoke of Eaton's declaration to eliminate one of Esquimalt's beer parlors. "He hasn't a chance to take a license away from anyone. That is the bounden duty of the provincial government. His statement is just election talk to get the temperance vote."

There are no beer parlors in the province run any better than those in Esquimalt, the reeve said, and added that since people had voted for beer by the glass, who was he to say they couldn't have it.

"Eaton's figures don't go far enough and an untrue picture is painted of the financial standing of the municipality. But his statement that I have the mill rate down to 34 in 1943 with a high expenditure, when it was 34 in 1933 with a low expenditure, should re-elect me. He knows why the mill rate was raised to 40 when I came into office in 1934, for we had to borrow from the government to pay for relief," Mr. Lockley said.

Regarding the sale of municipal property at Macaulay Plains to the federal government, the reeve said the matter had been talked over for months by council. Eaton charged that 10 min-

utes before council meeting time Lockley gave finance committee information on the \$80,500 deal.

Dealing with Eaton's promise to look into the matter of refunding the sewer debt, Mr. Lockley claimed that before the municipality could refund, it must prove to the government that it was bankrupt. He added that already \$188,000 of the \$400,000 debt issues have been redeemed. Paying full interest on the loan was an obligation Esquimalt had to meet, he said.

"This man now poses as a financial wizard, yet at one meeting he told council financial matters were over his head and voted on a matter without understanding it. That would be a most dangerous man to put into office," the reeve said.

Tax collections reached a record of 93.23 per cent in 1943, he said, and intimated that the municipality could expect a surplus of \$20,000 this year. He spoke also of the possibility of a lower mill rate, and said that building permits for 1943 amounted to \$114,000 in addition to \$339,250 War-time Housing construction. Had labor and building materials been available more public works would have been undertaken, he added.

WARTIME HOUSING

Discussing War-time Housing in Esquimalt at length, Reeve Lockley said that, contrary to Eaton's statements, it was not an encumbrance but an asset. The \$1 per lot referred to by his opponent was merely a token payment, he said. A net profit of \$3,717 was realized by the corporation on the 175 houses in the Colville and Lockley Road areas, he said. War-time Housing spent \$124,000 on roads, sewers and drains, which will belong to Esquimalt, he continued, and said that a contract was let for \$70,000 for road improvements.

"When could Esquimalt get that for itself?" he queried. "War-time Housing is also providing \$26,000 for additions to the school. In his criticisms of increased school costs, Councillor Eaton picks on a low year, such as 1941, when costs amounted to \$24,097 and pupils numbered 429. He compares that with 1943 when costs are \$32,000, but the number of pupils is now 600."

"After all we want shipbuilding here and we'll have to make further sacrifices if we are to retain the industry. It is one of the greatest assets we have," the reeve said.

Referring to the A.R.P., the reeve stated that from the moment Eaton took over the first branch there was trouble. He made application to council for \$650 for equipment and upon

Ten Saanich Candidates Discuss Many Issues of Civic Election

Winding up the Saanich municipal election campaigns Friday night, 10 candidates for the reevehip, council and school board outlined their platforms and answered questions for three and a half hours during the Ward 7 election meeting, attended by 50 citizens at Hampton Hall.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of F. Ward Wilkinson, who permitted only candidates to give addresses, and who set time limits on the speeches. Several questions were ruled out by the chairman as irrelevant.

Councillor K. W. Richmond announced that should he be returned as Ward 7 representative, he would reopen, early in 1944, his move to have the ward boundaries realigned.

He said he was aware that Saanich did not have good representation on the council, and with the majority rule in rural wards nothing was being done about ward abolition, secession or ward realignment. In November, 1942, he said, he had requested the council to adjust the ward boundaries, because Ward 7 had a higher assessment than several other wards.

The council took no action on this request, giving the reason, he said, that they did not believe it was in the best interests of the municipality.

He said he had been the only councillor to vote for a plebiscite on ward abolition.

Saying his own tax bill had increased by 36 per cent since 1938, he charged citizens were not getting full value for their improvement tax. He said he had tried to maintain the improvement tax levy, a move which, if successful, would have saved Ward 7 householders \$6,000.

He described the Elk Lake water project as poor business, saying the citizens could get a system of their own for \$32,000.

query of Reeve Lockley, stated he had had his list of needed items checked on with the medical health officer, the speaker said. Upon questioning the medical health officer said he knew nothing of the requisition, the reeve continued, adding that when the list was gone over by the M.H.O. it was found that \$250 would cover the requirements.

Mr. Lockley stated he felt he would be qualified for the work of re-establishment and rehabilitation planning that would have to be met in the municipality.

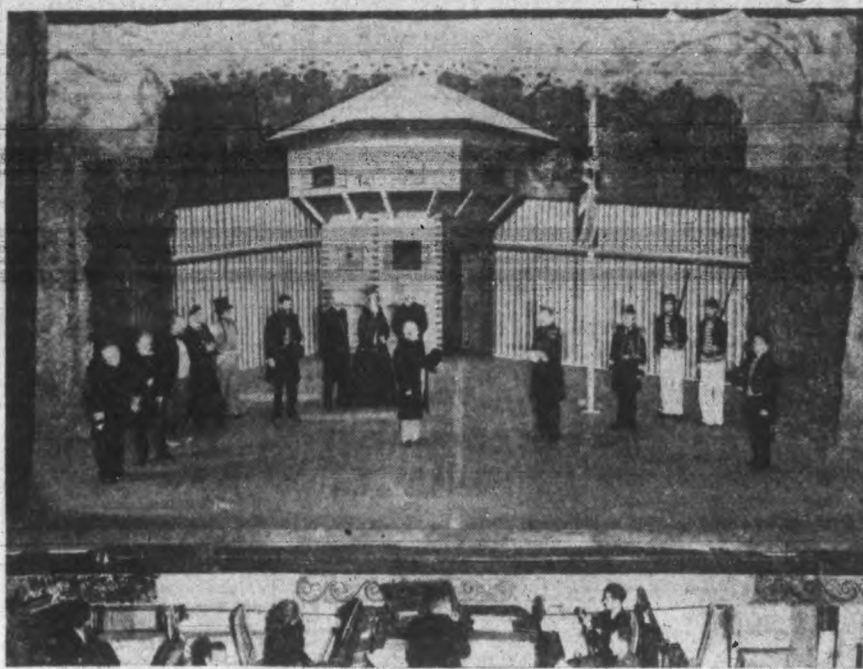
NEED SHIPS

Councillor T. Hatfield, candidate for re-election, and meeting chairman, spoke briefly. He stated that he did not like the War-time houses on Colville Road, but that he fought for them and would fight for them again. Ships had to be built, he said, and Yarrow Limited had to increase from about 200 employees to 3,200 and had to have some place for the men to live. If Eaton had succeeded in abolishing the poll tax which he wished to do, the municipality's mill rate would have increased, Mr. Hatfield said.

Councillor G. R. Guillemaud, candidate for re-election, spoke on the work of the fire and lights committee of which he is chairman and pledged himself to promote the interests of the taxpayers to the utmost of his ability and ever-increasing efficiency in municipal administration.

F. Higgins, independent candidate for council, spoke briefly.

Bring Life to City's History Tonight



Before the bastion and palisades of the old Fort, historic characters of Victoria's early years gather in this scene from "Victoria Cavalcade." A. M. D. Fairbairn's drama to be presented tonight and Saturday night with a matinee Saturday afternoon, by the Victoria Little Theatre and Dramatic School. Final event on the city's centenary celebration program, the production is expected to draw crowds to the Royal Victoria Theatre both for its dramatic appeal and its educational-historical value.

"Victoria Cavalcade," months in preparation, will be presented on the stage of the Royal Victoria Theatre tonight in the first of three performances, net proceeds from which will go to the Solarium and the Save the Children Fund of Great Britain.

The historical drama picking out highlights in the 100-year-old history of Victoria as a fort and later a city, is being produced by the Victoria Little Theatre and Dramatic School from the original play written by A. M. D. Fairbairn.

Costumes completely authentic and colorful have been secured for the presentation. In some cases they are the actual clothes worn by the city pioneers de-

picted in the Cavalcade. In others they are faithful replicas of the period.

Opening with a scene showing Vancouver Island before the coming of the white man, the play-pageant will follow with a scene depicting the choice of the site of the fort. Following that will be another covering the erection of the fort, while the third will mark the arrival of Governor Richard Blanshard.

Two of the social features of the pioneer days will be reproduced in scenes entitled "His Excellency Requests the Pleasure," an episode marking the reception in the original Government House, and the "Grand Ball in the Fort," a colorful spectacle,

which lends itself admirably to dramatic treatment.

In the scene "Cargo of Crinolines," the actors depict the arrival of the bride ship, an event of cardinal importance in the early days, with the predominantly male population greeting prospective wives with great enthusiasm.

As the concluding section, the Cavalcade commemorates the visit of the King and Queen, with the shade of Governor Blanshard returning to soliloquize over the sovereignty conferred upon the region over which he once held jurisdiction.

The curtain will rise at 8 both evening, with the Saturday matinee starting at 2.

realignment request of Councillor Richmond. He said the deputy minister of municipal affairs had suggested ward abolition.

Clashing with Reeve Warren on the question of representation of the names on a petition asking a plebiscite on ward abolition, Mr. Passmore said more voters' names appeared on the petition than voted for Reeve Warren last time.

He held Reeve Warren responsible for failing to block the tax rate on improvements, and said Saanich would have been better off if a commissioner had set the tax rate.

"The improvement rate increase this year, he said, would have paid for a garbage collection system.

"When we get sewers, sidewalks and boulevards where will your taxes be then?" he asked. "I don't know."

He said he was in favor of giving any area or group the right to decide on its own government.

"I do not agree a pamphlet should have been put out with the tax bill accusing the school board of increasing the taxes," he said. "I don't believe the reeve should have put to the council a resolution asking an inquiry into school matters without first consulting the school board."

"You don't get anything for your taxes," said John Watson,

candidate for the reevehip. He said he was in a position to give Saanich much of his time.

Troubles and difficulties, he said, had resulted because no representative had the time to go to the areas and clean them up or smooth them out.

ASKS SECESSION VOTE

Favoring secession of outer wards, Mr. Watson said the inner wards had never objected to outer wards seceding. He said citizens should vote on secession.

He said he was in favor of a good education and something was wrong with the present system.

Speaking of the Mount View High School affair, he said "I think your present reeve chipped into something that he should not have put his nose into. I think it is a crime for someone to be treated the way they were."

He predicted taxes would go up if the municipality continued its present policies, and said there should be a real statement of ward revenue and expenditure.

If elected, he said, he would work to secure industries for Saanich.

Martin Nelson, seeking re-election to the school board, said he considered the Mount View High School question closed and he would oppose any move to reopen it.

He compared school costs in Saanich with those of the neigh-

V.D. Contracted In Victoria Parks Police Problem

Venerable disease prevention again occupied the city police commission meeting Thursday afternoon for the last time this year, when it was reported several cases had been contracted in Victoria parks.

Mayor Andrew McGavin, chairman of the commission, said venerable disease contracted in parks was obviously not to be blamed on professional prostitutes but on the sluts on the street.

"These people should be tabbed like persons with smallpox," said Ald. W. H. Davies.

He suggested persons suffering from venerable disease should be designated in the same manner that households afflicted with other contagious diseases were indicated.

The commission ordered received and filed the report which came from a confidential source.

Mayor McGavin remarked there had been no mention of venerable disease during the civic election campaigns.

Although the three services had promised co-operation in policing Victoria, Ald. Davies said, no arrests of a serviceman for entering places out of bounds had come to his attention.

DISCUSS BONUS

Salaries and the cost-of-living bonus also were under discussion again, and Mayor McGavin announced he would arrange to have the bonus for police officers if it were within his power. The commission decided, however, nothing could be done this year and will request the city comptroller-treasurer to prepare reports for the 1944 commission.

Ald. Davies said the city police officers were entitled to as much bonus as the Vancouver police, where it was announced up to \$18.40 was being paid.

A \$10 a month salary increase was ordered as of Dec. 1 for Inspector Walter Calwell, who it was reported was receiving only a few cents more wages than some sergeants on the force.

The motion was put by Ald. D. D. McTavish, after Ald. Davies had withdrawn his motion for a \$2.90 increase to bring the monthly salary up to \$175.

Request of the clerk of court, Mrs. B. Spence, of a salary increase to \$150, the amount paid a former clerk, was tabled, and it will be recommended the next commission grant the request. Chief J. A. McLellan reported he was very well satisfied with her work.

Ald. McTavish filed a report in which he said he was convinced the city was not paying adequate compensation for police officers. He suggested that an immediate investigation of salaries be made. He said that the salary offered was one reason the department had been unable to get suitable men, and suggested that the basic probationary salary of \$97 be increased.

In answer to a question of Ald. Davies, Chief McLellan said that to his knowledge few members of the department had outside employment.

Complaint of the method of marking cars was registered by Frank Partridge who said the crayon used by officers was hard to remove and often remained after running the car a considerable distance. He also complained of alleged markings on the sidewalks.

The commission was told that the department had to be satisfied with any crayon available now and the crayon complained of had been a little greasy.

Mayor McGavin congratulated Ald. Davies on his re-election.

"Despite the vile stuff that was thrown at you the public returned you to the council and perhaps to the police commission," he said.

He said the commission had worked well during 1943.

Congratulating the police department for their work he said police officers had done the best possible job with 17 or 18 good trained men lost to the armed services.

"People don't seem to realize they are gone," he said.

Chief McLellan thanked the mayor for his kind words and the service the commission had done during 1943.

Ald. Davies said that in 1943 the police had been confronted with probably the toughest condition in the history of Victoria.

"I appreciate the work of the men on the force," said Ald. McTavish.

board, said transportation and crowding presented vital problems to the board.

He congratulated the council for setting aside Rudd Park on Irma Street as a playground, and said, if elected, he would endeavor to work for unity and co-operation of the board and council.

Mrs. Lydia McAllister and Owen Cassidy, also school board candidates, were called to address the meeting but were not present.

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